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Title: Need to develop Dhenkanal-Kaliahata-Nudurpada-Narayanpur-Keonjhar road as a National Highway in Orissa.

SHRI K.P. SINGH DEO (DHENKANAL): Sir, an alignment exists between the district headquarters of Dhenkanal on National Highway No.42 which is only 35 kilometres from the Calcutta-Chennai National Highway No.5 and Keonjhar, the district headquarters town of Keonjhar on the National Highway No.6, that is, the Calcutta-Bombay Highway in Orissa, the distance of which is only 135 kilometres.

Apart from reducing the distance between Dhenkanal industrial area and Keonjhar industrial area by 100 kilometres, it will open up the rich mineral bearing area, comprising chromite and iron ore. It will also lead to development and economic activity in the entire tribal area. The tribals, who have been denied the fruits of development even after nine Five Year Plans due to lack of infrastructure like communication, since no railway line exists at the moment, will be greatly benefited with the connection of these two district headquarters on the two National Highways of Orissa.

I request the Union Government that the road Dhenkanal-Kamakhyanagar MDR-30 KMs., Kamakhyanagar-Batagaon CVR, PWD road- 15 KMs., Batagaon-Kankarahar RD road-15 KMs., Kankarahar-Kaliahata RD road -10 KMs., Kaliahata-Nudurpada CVR-48 KMs., Nudurpada-Narayanpur MDR – 12 KMs., and Narayanpur-Keonjhar National Highway – 5 KMs., be developed into a National Highway without any further delay.