Title: Need to upgrade and improve the condition of road between Sukinda and Dubri crossing and four-laning the road between Panikoili and Barbil in Orissa as a part of the ongoing National Highway Project in the state. – Laid.

* SHRI ANANTA NAYAK (KEONJHAR): Paradip Port caters to the hinterland, rich with iron ore and chrome ore resources of Orissa, particularly Gandharmardan, Joda, Barbil areas and Sukinda valley in that State. The distance between Panikoili and Barbil is 190 Kms. and Sukinda to Dubri corssing is 42 Kms. These roads are in a very bad shape and require immediate upgradation and improvement to at least four lane roads.

The National Highway Authority of India (NHAI) have recently decided to enhance the road connectivity to Paradip by four laning NH-5A from Chandikhole to Paradip. Four laning of NH-5A will not fully satisfy the purpose of port connectivity project as the road connecting the mines to the National Highway network also need to be upgraded so as to provide road connectivity between the port and the mines in the hinterlands.

I request the Government that the roads from Sukinda to Dubri corssing be upgraded and the ongoing National Highway Project from Panikoili to Barbil be made four lane.

* Treated as laid on the Table