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Title : Need to allocate adequate funds for the proper upkeep and maintenance of national Highways on Khurda-Bolangir and Gopalpur-Raipur sections in Orissa.

SHRI SUGRIB SINGH (PHULBANI): Sir, the National Highways in my Parliamentary Constituency Phulbani which is one of the most backward areas in the country, are in a very bad conditions. Last year Union Government has included Khurda-Bolangir section as National Highway and before the Gopalpur-Raipur was declared as National Highway. It is surprising that after including these roads as National Highway there is no authority to look after and maintain these roads. There is no improvement in the condition of these sections. Sir, we will not be able to improve the living condition of tribals of our country until and unless Union Government changes its approach and give full financial support for the development of most backward tribal area of the country. Due to such approach the citizens of rural and backward areas are compel to migrate in urban towns to the country.

Sir, we should bring the Tribal and backward population in the mainstream of the nation and for that we should be liberal in giving Central Funds so that schemes in backward and tribal area don't suffer. I hope the Ministry for Road Transport and Highways will give kind attention and release funds liberally for improvement of the condition and development of National Highways at Khurda-Bolangir and Gopalpur-Raipur section in the current year.