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Title: Need to speed up the conversion work of two lane into four lane from Sira-Hariyur to Haveri in Karnataka.

SHRI G.M. SIDDESWARA (DAVANGERE): I would like to mention that the National Highways Authority of India has slowed down the conversion of two-lane into four-lane works on Sira-Hariyur-Chitradurga- Davangere-Harihar-Haveri project in Karnataka. This matter has been brought to the notice of the Hon'ble Minister by me earlier also. The Minister in his reply has stated that the work on this project would be completed by 31 March 2006. But even after eight months of the target date, no work has been started till now. If the Government starts work right now, it will take at least two to three years to complete the project.

Sir, people of these areas are facing great difficulties due to heavy traffic on these roads. Lot of accidents are also taking place daily. This is a serious matter and needs Government's immediate attention.

Hence, I urge upon the Union Government to take urgent necessary steps to start the work immediately and complete it in a time bound manner so as to benefit the people of these region.