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Title: Need to repair the stretch of N.H. 215 from Panikoili to Rajamunda in Orissa - laid

SHRI ANANTA NAYAK (KEONJHAR): The condition of National Highway No.215 from Panikoili to Rajamunda is getting bad to worse due to inadequate attention paid on repair, renovation and upgradation. The road from Raisuan to Rajamunda has not been upgraded despite the fact that the urgency of the completion of the widening work has been brought to the notice of the Government time and again. More than 15000 trucks carrying minerals are plying on that National Highway everyday. The truck owners are depending on that road for transporting iron ore to Paradeep. Traffic jam is the order of the day causing a great difficulty for public transport. At times the passengers are stranded for hours together to reach 5 to 10 kilometres while they are going to the district Head Quarters or to mineral belt of Joda & Barbil areas. People going to the commercial city of Cuttack or the State Capital Bhubaneswar are not able to their destination on time.

Unless the construction of this National Highway is taken up on war footing, the people of this traditionally backward and predominantly tribal area will continue to suffer.

Since that National Highway is the life line for the people of my Parliamentary Constituency, I demand that the completion of the entire stretch upto Rajamunda be started expeditiously with adequate Central assistance. For permanent solution the proposed furlaning work should be started simultaneously.