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Title: Need to expedite construction work of four-lane between NH-4 and service road in Shiggaon town under Golden Quadrilateral Project in Karnataka.

SHRI MANJUNATH KUNNUR (DHARWAD SOUTH): Mr. Deputy-Speaker, Sir, I thank you very much for giving me the opportunity to raise an urgent matter of public importance.

There is a need to expedite the construction of four lane road on NH-4 between 280 and 404 kms. and a service road in Shiggaon Town in Haveri District of Karnataka under the Golden Quadrilateral Project. This road ought to have been completed by September, 2003, but till today the road has not been completed. The Government of India has extended the deadline and the road is in the worst condition in and around towns like Chitradurga, Davangere, Haveri and Hubli. Then, they have constructed a fly-over bridge in Kakol village in Haveri District which is also incomplete. So, the maintenance of the road is very bad. So, I urge upon the Government to take immediate action to repair the road.

Regarding the construction of service road in Shiggaon town, I would like to submit that they have laid a road of only 3 metres on the left hand side and on the right hand side. They have to lay the road for at least 7 metres on both sides for the movement of carts, vehicles etc. Now, due to the narrow service road, a large number of accidents are taking place in Shiggaon town. As the service road is very congested near Shiggaon Bus Stand and the fly-over bridge, the vehicles are not able to move to and fro at this place. The officers of the National Highway Authority of India have assured to construct 7 metres service road, but they have constructed only 3 metres to 3.5 metres road. It is absolutely necessary to take up the construction of this service road. The people of that area have become frustrated with the Government and they are resorting to *rasta roko* agitation very frequently.

Therefore, I urge upon the Government of India, through you, to take up these works immediately, on top priority.