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Title: Need to upgrade and expand the existing roads to National Highways in Andhra Pradesh.

SHRI P. BALRAM (MAHABUBABAD): I would like to draw the kind attention of the august House regarding the need to upgrade and expand several roads and highways some of which are passing through my Mahabubabad constituency in Andhra Pradesh.

I would like to state that a number of roads in the State of Andhra Pradesh need upgradation and expansion *due* to heavy traffic. These roads are (i) Sironcha-Mahadevpur-Parkal-Warangal-Tungaturthi-Nakrekal-Nalgonda - Chalakurthi - Macherla-Erragondapalem - Thokapalli - Markapur - Besthavaripeta - Kanigiri - Rapur-Venkatagiri - Renigunta-725 kms. (ii) Golgaon - Asifabad - Mancherla - Peddapalli-Karimnagar-Warangal-Mahabubabad-Khammam-Kodad-390 kms. (iii) Adilabad-Uttoor-Khanapur - Korutla - Vemulawada - Siddipet - Janagon - Suryapet - Miryalaguda-Piduguralla - Narasaraopeta Vodarevu-630 kms. (iv) Visakhapatnam-Tallapalem-Narsipatnam-Chintappli Sileru - Uppersileru - Donakara - Motigudem - Lakkavaram -Chinturu-238 kms. (v) Rajahmundry-Gokavaram-Rampachaodavaram-Maredimilti-Chintoor-Bhadrachalam-Charla-Venkatapuram-390 kms.

The density of NHs in Andhra Pradesh is 1.65 which is less compared to the density of NHs in the neighbouring States of Karnataka (2.29), Kerala (3.36), Tamil Nadu (3.71) and the average density of the country (2.146). These roads are not taken up due to insufficient budgetary allocation during the last few years and as such, it is causing heavy traffic problem to my constituency people. I have personally gone through the said roads and highways and felt that it is a genuine demand of the people of Andhra Pradesh.

I, therefore, request the Hon'ble Minister of Road Transport and Highways, through Hon'ble Madam Speaker to kindly upgrade and expand the above said roads into national highways in the remaining Eleventh Five year Plan with sufficient budgetary allocations.

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MR. CHAIRMAN: Now, we will take up matters of urgent public importance.