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Title: Need to sanction funds for providing all weather roads to the villages in Srikakulam district in Andhra Pradesh under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana.

DR. KRUPARANI KILLI (SRIKAKULAM): Srikakulam district is one of the most backward and naxal affected districts in Andhra Pradesh as well as in the country. This district comprises largely of the tribal population and fishermen community spreading over 38 Mandals in about 1600 villages and habitations. Even after 60 years of independence a large number of villages in Srikakulam district are not connected with pucca roads. The existing roads are very narrow and are in a very dilapidated condition. Most of the villages of this district do not even have the connectivity to the nearest Mandal Headquarters or the nearest town. Due to non-connectivity, there is no mobility for the people and there is no business or industrial growth. This has resulted into the backwardness and naxal problem. Something needs to be done immediately to transform the lives of the people of the Srikakulam district to enable them to enjoy the benefit of the social and economic growth of the country. Special attention has to be given for the all-round growth of the Srikakulam district, particularly the rural areas.

I, therefore, request the Hon'ble Minister for Rural Development to sanction funds for providing the road connectivity to all the villages of Srikakulam district under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana which will be beneficial to the tribal and fishermen communities.