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SHRI LAXMAN TUDU (MAYURBHANJ): I would like to request that upgradetion of National Highways (NHs) contributes largely to the development of a backward area. As my Parliamentary Constituency Mayurbhanj district of Odisha is a tribal and backward district of our country. Hence, the NHs 18 and 49 passing by my constituency needs to be upgraded to four Lanes from two Lanes. So I would like to make a request to the Hon'ble Minister of Road Transport & Highways, through this august House to kindly take necessary steps immediately to speed up the process of four lanning of NH 18 from Fuladi Chowk of Balasore to Jharpokharia in my constituency. Similarly, I would also request the Hon'ble Minister to upgrade NH 49 from two lane to four lane in my constituency and to take immediate steps for repair and maintenance of this NH 49 along with Subarnareka Bridge as the present condition of this Bridge and NH in my constituency is not properly maintained for proper run of vehicle in above NH , specifically at Jamsola area under my constituency.

In this connection, I would like to make a request to speed up the upgradation of National Highway no. 18 and 49 respectively in the public interest