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Title: Need to expedite construction of National Highway No. 42 between Sambalpur and Bhubaneshwar in Odisha.

SHRI NAGENDRA KUMAR PRADHAN (SAMBALPUR): Respected Madam, I want to draw the attention of this Government to a matter of public importance.

I represent Sambalpur constituency from the State of Odisha. Sambalpur, the headquarters, is the biggest city in western Odisha. This city connects to the State capital, Bhubaneshwar. The distance is 252 kilometres. It connects the National Highway No.42. The Government had already taken a decision in 2012 to make it four-lane but till today, despite the forest clearance and other clearances that have already been given by the Government, no action has been taken yet. So, I would request the Government, through you, Madam, to implement this project because, for the improvement of the two corridors, one, Sambalpur-Jharsuguda and another, Talcher-Angul, this is the only four-lane which can serve the purpose. Thank you.