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Title: Need to upgrade Kodad-Miryalaguda-Devarakonda-Kalvakurty-Jedcheria road to a National Highway.

SHRI GUTHA SUKENDER REDDY (NALGONDA): Hon. Speaker, I would like to draw the attention of the hon. Minister for Road and Transport about the matter of upgradation of Kodad-Miryalaguda-Devarakonda-Kalvakurty road to a national highway. This is a long pending request which has been proposed by three former Chief Ministers and also by the present Chief Minister. It will help in opening up large tracts in backward areas and will help to promote industrial and tourist centres and thereby contribute to the economic development of the State, besides providing inter-State connectivity. It is essential to develop the road infrastructure to cover all important pilgrim centres, major ports and industrial hubs. It will help in providing connectivity from the capital city to other important cities and towns in the neighbouring States bringing about an accelerated growth in the region. This is necessary to avoid accidents also. In spite of repeated correspondence and appeals being made to the hon. Minister for his approval, nothing has happened so far. The new Government of Telengana has also sent this proposal afresh. In view of the above I would like to sincerely request the hon. Minister to kindly explore the possibilities of declaring the above road as a national highway by making necessary allocations in the Budget in this financial year.