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Title: Need to allocate Rs. 45 crore to Odisha under Ordinary Repair for maintenance of National Highways in the state.

SHRI BHARTRUHARI MAHTAB (CUTTACK): Madam, there is a wide gap between requirement and allocation of funds for maintenance of National Highways in Odisha. Due to want of adequate funds maintenance of National Highways is not being taken up at the desired level. Allocation under ordinary repair for the year 2015-16 was only Rs.20.93 crore against minimum requirement of around Rs.45 crore. In the meanwhile, the Ministry has decided to take up road safety work out of ordinary repair grant. The Ministry may consider augmentation of allocation under ordinary repair to at least Rs. 50 crore in order to keep the National Highway in traffic-worthy condition and execution of road safety works. A similar provision also needs to be made for the year 1916-17.

HON. SPEAKER:

Shri Rabindra Kumar Jena is permitted to associate with the issue raised by Shri Bhartruhari Mahtab.