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Title: Regarding six-laning of National Highway No. 16 between Vishakhapatnam and Ichapuram in Andhra Pradesh.

SHRI RAM MOHAN NAIDU KINJARAPU (SRIKAKULAM): Former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee Ji's dream was to ensure that all parts of India get road connectivity and therefore he strived hard to ensure the same. The Golden quadrilateral project that he dreamt and gave shape to, has ensured that millions of people have this basic right of connectivity. The town Ichapuram in my constituency is one of the most backward and underdeveloped regions in the state and country. It is the northernmost part of Srikakulam and it shares its borders with Odisha. The National Highway 16 that passes from Visakhapatnam to Ichapuram is a lifeline for the people of this town. National Highway No. 16 has been upgraded to six lanes in most of its parts but some areas have still not been upgraded, one such area being the stretch between Visakhapatnam to Ichapuram. There is an urgent need to upgrade this stretch to six lanes as the traffic has increased by leaps and bounds on this stretch. As the Government is aware, there is a proposal to construct a new international airport at Bhogapuram and this upgradation will provide better connectivity to the people. Therefore, I request the Government to take up the six laning of this stretch on priority.