

Title: Demand of budgetary provisions for the completion of inter-state project for construction of an overbridge on the river Godavari between Yedurlenka and Yanam, in the Union Territory of Pondicherry.

SHRI U.V. KRISHNAMRAJU (KAKINADA): Sir, I will speak in my mother tongue Telugu.

MR. SPEAKER: Please speak in English. To speak in Telugu, you have to give advance notice.

SHRI U.V. KRISHNAMRAJU : Mr. Speaker, Sir, I want to raise a very important issue pending with the Government of India. There is one inter-State project for construction of an overbridge on the river Godavari between Yedurlanka and Yanam (Union Territory of Pondicherry). The foundation-stone for this project was laid by hon. Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh, Shri Chandrababu Naidu, two years back but there is no progress in this Rs.135 crore project. Once this project is over, this overbridge will connect the two regions Yedurlankha and Yanam and develop the infrastructure. The ONGC would also be greatly benefited in regard to transportation because of their projects in the Godavari basin. It would benefit the region within the radius of 60 kilometres. Kakinada Port would also get a lot of cargo traffic because of this road communication.

The ONGC and the Ministry of Surface Transport can have a joint venture there. Therefore, I request the hon. Minister to pay his personal attention to this matter and to make adequate budgetary provisions for completion of this project expeditiously.