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Title: Need to convert 120 Kilometers of NH 16 from Narasannapela to Ichhhapuram into six lane road and construct underpasses and bridges at accident prone areas in Srikakulam Parliamentary Constituency.

SHRI RAM MOHAN NAIDU KINJARAPU (SRIKAKULAM): Sir, 150 kilometres of NH-16, the Chennai-Kolkata highway, passes through my Constituency Srikakulam. I would like to, with lot of respect, pay tributes to former Prime Minister, Bharat Ratna Atal Bihari Vajpayee ji who envisioned the Golden Quadrilateral project. At that point of time, this two-lane highway was expanded into a four-lane highway and it has given a huge boost to the Indian economy, trade, and travel of general public.

Sir, the four-lane project had already happened at that point of time. Now, the six-laning project of that highway is happening but it is happening in bits and pieces. In my Constituency, out of 150 kilometres, only 30 kilometres stretch has been commissioned and that is coming to an end. My request to hon. Minister of Road Transport and Highways is that the remaining 120 kilometres of the highway, which is from Narasannapeta to Ichhhapuram, also be taken up as a priority project and its six-laning be finished.

In addition to this, there are certain points on this highway at which certain villages are dissected. As a result of this, there is a lot of movement of public, especially school children, from one side to the other. Those dissecting points have become accident-prone. At these points, there is a requirement for underpasses and bridges according to the technical requirements of the highways.

Some of the important points where accidents keep taking place day in and day out are: Munasabpeta; Kondammatali Temple Road at Singupuram, Gunduvillipeta, Tamarapalli, Jaduru, Gatlapadu, Pakivalasa, Adi-Andhra Veedhi at Tekkali, Subhadhrapuram, Lattigam, Kothagraharam, Ramakrishna Puram Junction, Mamidipalli, Sunnadevi, Kabbaruru, Neelavathi, Makannapalli, Buragam, Baliyaputtuga-Patrapada Junction, Padmatula, Makharampuram, and Eedupuram-Bellupada Connecting Road.

Sir, I would request the hon. Minister to look into these places and commission the underpasses that are required at those places. I would also request the hon. Minister to see that the 120 kilometres stretch is made into a six-lane road. Thank you, Sir.