

Seventeenth Loksabha

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Title: Regarding Man-made Flooding across Mysuru-Bengaluru Highway due to alleged unscientific Construction undertaken by NHAI.

SHRIMATI SUMALATHA AMBAREESH (MANDYA): Sir, NH 275, the expressway between Bengaluru and Mysuru, is a dream project conceived by the hon. Prime Minister himself. Under Shri Nitin Gadkari's able guidance, it aims to reduce the commute time between Bengaluru and Mysuru. Its maximum stretch passes through my constituency.

However, the recent unprecedented heavy rainfall in Karnataka and in my constituency of Mandya and surrounding districts have exposed the severe shortcomings. The unscientific method and approach adopted by the NHAI, without taking into consideration the specifications laid down by the Irrigation Department regarding storm water drainage etc., has resulted in thousands of hectares of farmland being submerged, loss and damage to lives and agriculture.

A severe problem is also being faced by farmers in my region due to lack of proper underpasses, as the exits and the entries which existed earlier have now been disregarded totally, and the local concerns have not been taken into consideration by the NHAI.

The poor quality of service roads makes it impossible for farmers on bullock-carts, with heavy goods being transported, to navigate these roads. It is also causing a lot of problems to school children trying to cross these waterlogged underpasses during the rains.

Sir, I request the Government, through you, to urgently intervene in this matter and take a review of the existing DPR and provide effective solutions to access roads, drainages and crossings etc. with a proper public consultation mechanism in place.

Thank you.