

**Seventeenth Loksabha**

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Title : Maintenance and repair of National Highway No. 55

Shri Mahesh Sahoo (Dhenkanal): Hon'ble Speaker sir, I want to raise a very important issue regarding National Highways No 55. Sir the road is in very bad shape from Manguli square to Sambalpur. After several rounds of discussion nothing has changed. The maintenance and repair of the road has not been taken up and 21 persons have lost their lives. The concerned minister has been repeatedly requested to look into the matter. The repair and construction work was supposed to end by 2022, then 2023 and then 2024. We need a definite date as to when will it be completed. People of the area have been agitating and sitting on peaceful dharna to protest. If the matter is not addressed soon, situation will be critical. Sir through you, I am once again requesting the central Govt to take up the matter urgently.