

## Regarding construction of Surat-Chennai Expressway-laid

DR. SUJAY VIKHE PATIL (AHMEDNAGAR): The 1,271 km long NHAI-approved Surat-Chennai Expressway is a six-lane, partially access-controlled motorway to connect the states of Gujarat, Maharashtra, Telangana, and Tamil Nadu. The expressway's alignment will pass through my Lok Sabha constituency of Ahmednagar and the expressway is also part of the Surat-Nashik-Ahmednagar-Solapur Economic Corridor. The project is envisioned as a combination of two partially access-controlled economic corridors and includes construction of greenfield stretches and upgrading brownfield sections and will be the second longest expressway of the country connecting Western And Southern India costing Rs 45,000 to Rs 50,000 crore. This proposed Green Field Expressway is travelling through Ahmednagar District for about 141 Km length. The project is of immense importance for my Lok Sabha constituency of Ahmednagar since it will improve connectivity and lead to economic development due to reduction in travelling time and acting as a link connecting Western and Southern India. In order to ensure timely completion and operationalization of Ahmednagar stretch, its necessary that the issues of land acquisition be completed in a time frame. I request the Government to kindly expedite the process of land acquisition in Ahmednagar so that the process of bidding is initiated at the earliest and subsequently construction is completed at the earliest.