Reg. Slow progress of work of National Highway No.49,55,149 and widening or roads in Odisha.

**SHRI MAHESH SAHOO (DHENKANAL):** Respected sir thank you very much for allowing me to speak on a very important issue, concerning my constituency Dhenkanal in Odisha. In fact, I want you to visit my state and inspect the condition of 3 National Highways -49 from Pallahada to Keonjhar, 55 from Cuttack to Sambalpur and 149, connecting Tikri to Dubri.

The roads are incomplete and widening process is taking too long. Hence accidents are a frequent occurrence. Till date 326 people have died. So many precious lives have been lost. Dhenkanal contributes around 1000 crores to the central government. Although the work is still in progress, some of the stretches have been inaugurated by a union minister. I find it rather strange. Sir I urge upon the central government to expedite the work and ensure the development of my state and especially my district which is one of the highest contributor of Revenue. Union minister of HRD is here and I request him too to do the needful for our State? Odisha.

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