

Re: Completion of projects on NH-16 in Ongole Parliamentary Constituency-laid

SHRI MAGUNTA SREENIVASULU REDDY (ONGOLE): First of all, I want to thank the Hon?ble PM and Hon?ble Minister of Road Transport and Highways that NHAI in their guidance has selected 3.60 km long strip (KM 1274 to KM 1277.6) of Chilakaluripet to Nellore section between Kalikivaya and Singarayakonda on NH-16 (in my parliamentary constituency for construction of Emergency Landing Facility. The contract for development of this Emergency Landing Facility was signed between NHAI and Contractor on 26.12.2019 Major civil works were completed on 20.12.2021. On 28th July 2021, a joint inspection was done by NHAI and Indian Air force Team and made an observation that Minor bends and curves in the ELF are required to be corrected. The PD NHAI-Nellore explored the possibilities for strengthening of minor bends and curves after the joint site visit by the representatives of NHAI, Indian Air force, contractors and consultants. The detailed cost estimates for rectification of minor bends and curves of Rs 20.60 crores and for Land acquisition cost for approximately Rs. 6 crore was forwarded to NHAI for approval from RO Vijayawada on 25.01.2023, so far this has not been approved and pending with NHAI. Even though the Hon?ble Minister had instructed the Member NHAI for the completion of this project, it is getting delayed. I request the Hon?ble Minister for Road Transport and Highways for instructing the NHAI for approving these estimates on priority basis as this ELF has its strategic advantage and this ELF project can be completed soon in National Interest.