

## **Regarding havoc created due to heavy rain and substandard construction quality of NH-75**

**SHRI SHREYAS M. PATEL (HASSAN):** Sir, I rise today to draw your attention to some pressing concerns affecting my constituency. The recent heavy rains wreaked havoc on NH-75, causing mudslides and landslides. Notably, Sakleshpur Taluk in Hassan district, part of my constituency, experienced severe rainfall leading to landslides in the Shiradi Ghat. Vehicles were trapped, endangering precious lives.

However, the crisis extends beyond natural calamities. The NH-75's substandard construction has long plagued our region. This is not the first time that NH-75 is facing public wrath. People here often blame the unscientific hill cutting for widening works as the reason for frequent landslides for every monsoon since 2018. Astonishingly, the 45-km Hassan-Maranahalli stretch, initiated in 2017, remains incomplete. Adding to that is the issue of potholes. It was one of the biggest nightmares for the road users because for every monsoon, the potholes emerge as a byproduct of substandard work by the executors.

Imagine a vital NH route connecting Bengaluru to Mangalore languishing in substandard conditions. Landslides cause re-route of traffic, stranding countless vehicles, disrupting mobility, logistics, trade, livelihood, and at the most, the human lives are in danger.

I implore the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways to act swiftly and implement scientifically sound hill cutting measures, prevent landslides, and ensure a durable bitumen layer.