

Regarding upcoming Kumbh Mela in Nashik

SHRI RAJABHAU PARAG PRAKASH WAJE (NASHIK): Thank you, hon. Chairperson Madam, for giving me this opportunity.

I rise to draw the attention of this House to an urgent matter concerning the upcoming Kumbh Mela in Nashik. To accommodate millions of pilgrims and tourists, the following priorities must be addressed.

First is comprehensive infrastructure development. It includes construction and upgradation of roads, bridges, and transportation networks, including the Dwarka-Nashik Road Bridge and the Outer Ring Road. It also includes renovation of Nashik Road Railway Station and bus stands, with special trains and buses for visitors.

Secondly, as far as basic amenities for pilgrims are concerned, there should be adequate sanitation facilities, drinking water, and waste management systems. Moreover, there should be focus on establishment of healthcare centres and development of affordable accommodation facilities, including tent cities.

Third is environmental sustainability. It includes protection of the Godavari River and natural resources through eco-friendly practices.

Fourth is security and crowd management. It includes deployment of advanced crowd management systems, CCTV cameras, and sufficient security personnel.

The Kumbh Mela is a platform to position Nashik as a hub of sustainable development and cultural tourism. Immediate allocation of funds and resources is essential to ensure its smooth execution and long-term benefits for the region. Thank you.