

Regarding Bangalore-Chennai Expressway

SHRI M. MALLESH BABU (KOLAR): Madam, I represent Kolar constituency of Karnataka. The Bengaluru-Chennai Expressway, also known as National Expressway-7, is an ambitious infrastructure project aimed at enhancing connectivity between the two key urban centres in India. As part of the Bharatmala Pariyojana initiated by the NDA Government, this four-lane expressway promises to facilitate smoother transportation and economic growth in the region. However, the project's execution has raised significant concerns among the local communities, particularly related to the adverse effects of heavy truck movements on the surrounding village and district roads.

During the construction phase of this expressway, substantial quantities of mud are being excavated from the nearby tanks and transported to the worksite through trucks. Unfortunately, the roads designated for this purpose -inter-link village roads and major district roads - were not designed to withstand the weight of such heavily laden vehicles. As a result, these roads have suffered considerable damage, severely impacting the daily commutes of villagers and school students who rely on them for their livelihood and education.

Hence, I would request the hon. Minister of Road Transport and Highways to take prompt action to address this pressing issue and ensure the restoration of the disrupted village connectivity roads.