

Need to relocate the Jonnada toll gate at the bypass road near Modavalasa-Chelluru in Andhra Pradesh-Laid

SHRI APPALANAIDU KALISSETTI (VIZIANAGARAM): I would like to draw the attention the Hon?ble Minister of Road Transport and Highways to a pressing issue concerning the Vizag-Raipur Highway (NH-43). This vital highway, along with the four-lane bypass road from Modavalasa to Gotlam on the outskirts of Vizianagaram, was envisioned to enhance regional connectivity, boost economic activity, and streamline freight movement across North Andhra and beyond. However, the placement of a toll gate at Jonnada, located between Vizianagaram and Visakhapatnam cities, undermines these objectives. This toll gate, instead of being located on the bypass or the Vizag-Raipur Highway, has been placed on a route heavily used by local commuters traveling between Vizianagaram and Visakhapatnam. Thousands of daily commuters, who neither use the bypass nor benefit directly from the highway infrastructure, are now being unfairly burdened with toll fees. I urge the Hon?ble Minister to revisit the toll placement policies and initiate a review of this matter. Corrective measures such as relocating the Jonnada tollgate to the bypass road near Modavalasa-Chelluru, where it rightfully belongs, would ensure fairness, equity, and public convenience. Let us reaffirm our commitment to creating infrastructure that serves the people efficiently and justly.