

Regarding extension of NH-173 in Karnataka

**DR. PRABHA MALLIKARJUN (DAVANAGERE):** Sir, I seek permission to raise an urgent matter concerning the extension of NH-173, a critical route connecting Mudigere in the Malnad region to Holalkere in Central Karnataka, which spans around 149.6 kms and passes through Chikmagalur, Kadur, and Hassadurga. NH-173 currently integrates with NH-73 and NH-369. The proposed extension from Holalkere to the junction of NH-48 near Anagodu covers an additional 44.6 kms. This extension will connect Karnataka's interior region to the coastal highway near Mangalore port and the Golden Quadrilateral at Anagodu in Davangere. This route is vital for the transportation of essential commodities, including iron ore from Chitradurga and arecanut from central Karnataka to the Mangalore Port.

Sir, I urge the Minister of Road and Transport to expedite the approval and execution of this extension of 44.6 kms which will boost Karnataka's economy and transportation infrastructure.