

Need to expedite completion of work on Mandi-Hamirpur Section of NH-3 in Himachal Pradesh along with installation of early warning systems and real time monitoring tools in vulnerable areas-Laid

SHRI ANURAG SINGH THAKUR (HAMIRPUR): I wish to draw the attention of the Government towards the situation of the Mandi-Hamirpur section of NH-3, an important lifeline for citizens, students, traders, rural communities in Hamirpur district. Owing to the challenging Himalayan terrain, intense rainfall patterns and ongoing construction activities, certain stretches have recently witnessed cracks, slope movement and temporary disruptions. The Ministry of Road Transport and Highways and NHA have taken several timely steps to address these issues, including geotechnical reviews, drainage improvements and targeted repairs. I sincerely appreciate these interventions and the Government's continuous commitment to building safe, modern and resilient national highways across Himachal Pradesh. In view of the region's susceptibility to cloudburst-related events, I respectfully request that the ongoing works on the Mandi-Hamirpur highway be further expedited and completed before the next monsoon. Additional measures such as geosynthetic reinforcement, soil nailing, strengthened retaining structures, enhanced slope stabilisation, rockfall-protection mesh and automated monitoring systems may be prioritised to ensure long-term safety. I also request NHA, MoRTH to consider highway-based early-warning systems and real-time monitoring tools for zones vulnerable to slippage, so as to safeguard commuters and nearby villages. The timely completion of this corridor will greatly benefit the people of Hamirpur and further strengthen connectivity in the region.