

**Regarding need to enhance allocation of funds for completion of elevated express on NH-66 and other road projects in Karnataka-Laid**

**SHRI KOTA SRINIVASA POOJARY (UDUPI CHIKMAGALUR):** The construction of an elevated Express on NH 66 being upgraded from Talachery Checkpost to Byndoor, Kundapura in Karnataka involves significant flyovers, underpasses and crucial service road construction to manage local traffic, with recent approvals for service roads and FOBs near Koteswara, Brahmavara and Hejmady to improve safety and flow on this vital Coastal highway. Elevated expressway on Byndoor to Karwar Goa Border - Coastal Karnataka faces severe congestion, rapid urbanisation. An elevated expressway will significantly improve travel efficiency, reduce accidents, promote tourism from Kerala to Goa along Coastal Karnataka Declaration of a New National Highway Agumbe - Sringeri - Agalagundi Jaipura Balehonnuru - Hyrambi - Alduru - Nadipur, currently aligned along SH-65 and SH-27 in Karnataka connects Coastal Udupi district with Chikmagalur Shimoga districts, Kundapudra - Koteswara - Halady - Someshwara Agumbe - Sringeri in Udupi and Chikkamagaluru districts. This corridor has already received in-principle approval. This Project is expected to enhance connectivity between the Coast and the hinterlands and usher in economic development. Development and public safety as the routes connect key towns, economic zones, historical centres and agricultural belts. I appeal to the Honble Minister to sanction and allocate more funds for early completion of these crucial road projects.