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Title : Need to provide four-lane connectivity to New Mangalore Port with the National Highway and Golden Quadrilateral.

SHRI VINAY KUMAR SORAKE (UDUPI): Under the National Highway Development Programme and the Golden Quadrilateral Project launched by the Prime Minister, the National Highway Authority of India has been mandated to provide connectivity to all major ports in India with the Golden Quadrilateral.

New Mangalore Port is a major port on the South-Western Coast handling bulk import/export cargo for Kudremukh, MRPL, MCF etc. MRPL is under expansion with bulk Sudanese crude oil being imported. It is very essential that the New Mangalore Port be provided with four-lane connectivity to NH and the Golden Quadrilateral. But the work on this stretch is yet to commence whereas the NHAI has taken up NH-17 stretches passing through Kerala and Goa in a big way. Further, the New Mangalore Port Trust along with its major users like MRPL, MCF etc., has jointly offered to contribute 10 per cent of the total project outlay for this port connectivity link. I request that Surathkal to Udupi on NH-17 be taken up urgently.

I request the Centre to accord top priority for this project and ensure adequate funds for the same.