

**Title:** Need to allocate adequate funds for proper maintenance of National Highway No. 215 in Orissa.

SHRI ANANTA NAYAK (KEONJHAR): Sir, the people of Orissa are very much agitated due to non-development and maintenance of National Highway No.215. This road which connects coastal Orissa with the Steel City, Rourkela covers major areas of mineral rich Keonjhar and Sundergarh districts which are endowed with huge quantum of high grade mineral resources like Iron ore, Bauxite, Manganese, Dolomite and Chrome ore. These minerals have great demand in the international market. Besides transporting these minerals by thousands of trucks, hundreds of public transport buses and personal vehicles also ply on this road every day. The flood has caused extensive damage to this road which is causing a great hindrance in passing two vehicles at several places. I request the Union Government to allocate adequate fund to complete the work pertaining to the development of National Highway No.215.