

Title : Need to declare the state road between Satyamangala and Tarikere via Chikkamagalur-Mysore in Karnataka as a national highway.

SHRI G. PUTTA SWAMY GOWDA (HASSAN): Sir, I am glad that the Centre has cleared the upgradation of Twmkwr-Honnavaara road I *via* Arasikere and Beerur as a National Highway. An amount of Rs.60 crore has already been sanctioned for this purposed. But to reap the maximum benefit of this route another very important road between Satyamangala and Tarikere I *via* Chikkamagalur, Belur, Holenarasipura, Hassan Honnagara, K.R. Nagara, Belikere, Mysore must be cleared by the Centre and it should be upgraded as a National Highway without any further loss of time. In fact, this is a very long pending genuine demand of the people of Karnataka. There are agitations about the inordinate delay in this matter. This highway would link the Capital City of Bangalore, Seaport Honnavara and many important cities and town in Southern part of India. This would give a great impetus to the industrial growth in Southern India. Transportation and in fact the economy in this part of the country would get a big boost, the people of Karnataka are waiting for this upgradation for the last two decades. I, therefore, urge upon the hon. Union Surface Transport Minister to make this dream of the people of Karnatak a reality with immediate effect.