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Title: Need to upgrade State Highway No. 23 as National Highway from Ginigera to Mahaboobnagar in Karnataka.

SHRI D.B. CHANDRE GOWDA (BANGALORE NORTH): I would like to rise an important issue regarding to convert the State Highway No 23 to upgradation as a new National Highway from Ginigera to Mahaboobnagar *via*. Gangawati, Manvi, Sindhanur, Kalmala, Raichur joining at Jadachada, NH - 7, the total length of which is approximately 280 km.

Sir, this State Highway is converted as all weather and National Highways standard quality has been done by the State Government of Karnataka, if it is converted as a National Highway, there will be no extra burden of the NHAI. The only future maintenance cost should be borne by the NHAI. This highway connects Karwar and Mangalore ports and it also connects Andhra Pradesh and Hyderabad. This Highway is connecting Tourist Hubs and World and Historical Heritage places and Industrial and Agricultural Centres like Hampi, and steel industries, cement industries, and also connects the production centres of Rice and Maize, Cotton, and also that of Granites.

As it involves both commercial and public transportation, it is essential to convert it to a National Highway. Sir, through you I would request the Minister of Road Transport and Highways to convert this State Highway to a National Highway. I thank you for the opportunity given to me.

18.06 hrs.

(Shri Francisco Cosme Sardinha *in the Chair*)