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Title: Need to exclude improvement of Khurdha-Nayagarh road in Orissa from Public Private Partnership mode and make arrangement for its improvement under normal budgetary allocation.

SHRI BHARTRUHARI MAHTAB (CUTTACK): Khurdha-Nayagarh section under National Highway No. 224 in Odisha has been included for upgradation under NHDPL Phase-IVB in PPP (BOT) mode, which is not viable for improvement under BOT/Annuity mode. Out of 60 km, 18 km has been improved to two lane and remaining 42 kms is presently of Intermediate lane and in a very dilapidated condition. National Highway No. 224 serves as life line between State Capital with Western and Southern part of Odisha. Its upgradation to two lane standard would go a long way in fulfilling the long cherished dream of the people of Odisha at large.

Hence, it is necessary to drop the project from PPP (BOT) mode so as to pave the way for its improvement under normal budgetary allocation.