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Title: Need to allocate funds for widening and maintenance of roads under the control of Cantonment Board in Belagum, Karnataka.

SHRI SURESH ANGADI (BELGAUM): Belgaum is regarded as second Capital city of Karnataka and fastest growing city. Developmental activities like construction of roads or its improvements etc. are being undertaken by the State Government. But, some stretches of the roads in the city, under the control of Cantonment Board/Military Engineering Services, are in dilapidated condition. The main roads connecting the National Highway (NH-4A) and city roads under the control of Cantonment Board also need repair. Due to narrowness of the roads and increase in vehicular traffic movements, fatal accidents are occurring. A stretch of road opposite to Kagal Hospital, near Mahadev Temple, Belgaum and General Thimayya road, the most used road which connect busy locality of Tilakwadi, is in a horrific state and a nightmare to travel on it.

The Belgaum Cantonment Board should maintain the stretches of roads under their control. However, it is learnt that these roads could be maintained by the Board only if they are provided with additional/special grant of funds for this purpose.

Therefore, I urge upon the Ministry of Defence to allocate additional/special grant of funds to the Belgaum Cantonment Board for widening/maintenance of the roads under their control in the interest of the people of Belgaum.