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Title: Need to provide financial assistance for upgradation of the stretch of NH No. 212 passing through Bandipur forest, Gundlupet town limits and Nanjangud to Mysore in Karnataka.

SHRI R. DHRUVANARAYANA (CHAMRAJANAGAR): I would like to state that the NH No.-212 starts from Kozhikode and terminates at Uttamballi junction (Kollegal Tq. Chamarajanagar District, Karnataka). The total length of NH No.-212 in the State of Karnataka is 150 Kms. The upgradation and two laning of NH No.-212 with PPP at an estimated cost of Rs.443.87 Crore is pending before the Union Ministry of Road Transport and Highways. According to the Notification, 125.52 Kms. stretch of the Highway that passes through Bandipur Forest, Gundlupet Town Limits (Chamarajanagar Dist.) and leading to Nanjangud (Mysore Dist.) would be of a two lane road with a width ranging from 7 mtrs. to 10 mtrs. The Highway connecting Mysore and Nanjangud, which was in a bad shape would be developed as a Four Lane Road with a width of 15 Mtrs. One bridge would be constructed as a part of the upgrading project at Nanjangud over Kabini River. An estimate in this regard had been submitted for getting financial approval in 2009 and again a revised estimate was submitted in 2011 due to cost escalation.

In view of heavy vehicular traffic causing accidents daily on this stretch of NH No.-212 and demands from the public to improve the road condition, I would earnestly appeal the Hon'ble Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways, through the Chair, to take urgent steps to upgrade the above said project by giving financial assistance to facilitate the smooth flow of heavy transport and public transport vehicles on NH No.-212.