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Title: Need to convert two-lane road between Jagtial and Kodad in Andhra Pradesh into four-lane road.

SHRI PONNAM PRABHAKAR (KARIMNAGAR): I would like to draw the attention of the august House regarding the dire need to improve the road connectivity by laying a 4-lane road from Jagtial to Kodad measuring 283 kms. to improve the connectivity to Bandar port from Telangana Districts in Andhra Pradesh. I would like to state that Karimnagar District is in northern Telangana and located centrally to Adilabad, Nizamabad, Warangal & Khammam districts in A.P. In consideration of available natural resources, manpower and other infrastructure facilities, there is a lot of scope for industrialization and there is a possibility of formation of industrial corridor or SEZ, but due to lack of better port connectivity, the things are not materializing. The nearest port to Karimnagar is Bandar Port. Presently, the available road is passing from Nizamabad to Jagdalpur highway via Jagtial. In the way, it passes from Jagtial, Karimnagar, Warangal, Khammam and Kodad then it goes through Vijayawada and connects Bandar Port. The road from Jagtial to Kodad is 2-lane and remaining is 4-lane i.e. out of total 452 kms. of length, 283 kms. is double, and it needs to be converted into 4-lane road for better port connectivity. This 283 kms. length road passes through 4 Integrated Action Plan (IAP) naxal affected districts. It will be the first better port connecting road to entire backward Telangana region. It will provide better transport facilities in 8 districts of Telangana i.e. Adilabad, Nizamabad, Karimnagar, Warangal, Khammam, Nalgonda, Rangareddy & Hyderabad except Mahabubnagar with low-cost project and with lot of benefits. Hence, I request the Hon'ble Union Minister for Road Transport & Highways, to consider the proposal for conversion of 2-lane to 4-lane road with dividers from Jagtial to Kadad on a top priority-basis immediately for better employment opportunities to the youth and to improve the industrial growth in the Telangana area.