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Title: Regarding condition of National Highway No. 45C in Tamil Nadu.

SHRI O.S. MANIAN (MAYILADUTHURAI): Sir, I wish to bring the following few lines for the kind consideration of the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways. The National Highway NH-45C is connecting Vikkravandi-Kumbakonam-Papanasam-Thanjavur from kilometres 0/0 to kilometre 165. This is the road which is connecting Thanjavur, Papanasam and Kumbakonam. The world famous Brahadeeswara Temple is situated in Thanjavur and Kumbakonam is famous for Mahamaham Festival like Kumbha Mela in North India. Papanasam is also surrounded by ancient temples. There is a proposal for rehabilitation and upgradation of the existing two-lane of NH-45C under NHDP Phase IV. Due to heavy traffic, the above said road is in damaged condition and not fit for transportation resulting in frequent accidents. In order to maintain the existing road of NHAI, a proposal of Rs.5 crore has been sent to the authorities concerned in NHAI for attending to patch repair work.

I, on behalf of the general public, would request the hon. Minister of Road Transport and Highways, through this House to take immediate steps and to direct the NHAI to release the proposed financial assistance and to upgrade this road as a four-lane road instead of the existing two-lane road.