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Title: Need to upgrade Uttar Pradesh State Highway No. 5 into a National Highway.

SHRI DHANANJAY SINGH (JAUNPUR): The U.P State Highway No. 5 is an important highway joining India and Nepal and connects the Lumbini region in Nepal to my constituency, Jaunpur in Uttar Pradesh. Lumbini is the birthplace of Lord Buddha and is therefore considered as a sacred place of pilgrimage. Many people visiting Lumbini from my constituency have to travel by the State Highway No. 5. Also, this Highway joins several other cities in Uttar Pradesh such as Mirzapur, Akbarpur, Robertganj etc. to Jaunpur.

However, the condition of the highway is not in good shape and it is full of pot-holes. I, therefore, urge the Government to develop this important State Highway into a National Highway. This will accord it more attention leading to the much-needed repairs and proper maintenance.