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Title: Need to construct a new six lane bridge at Gholbunder at Versova in Maharashtra.

SHRI CHINTAMAN NAVASHA WANGA (PALGHAR): Mumbai-Ahmedabad National Highway No. 8 is a six lane highway. The Government has proposed to convert this National Highway of six lane into eight lane. This Highway is having heavy traffic from North India to Mumbai, Western Maharashtra, Konkan and South India. But at Versova, there is Gholbunder Bridge. This bridge is very old bridge and construction of this bridge was completed in the year 1971. The capacity of this bridge is about 25 to 30 tonnes. But heavy vehicles more than hundred tonnes are passing through this bridge for which this old bridge is damaged. Last year, repair work was carried out. But within six to eight months, this bridge has again been damaged and work of repairing is going on. Due to repairing work, vehicles going to Mumbai, Western Maharashtra, Konkan and South have to face traffic jam every day. The capacity of old bridge is limited and I, therefore, request the Government to construct a new eight lane bridge at Gholbunder.