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Title: Need to undertake repair of National Highway No. 532 between Cuddalore and Salem in Tamil Nadu and upgrade it into a four-lane road.

SHRI A. ARUNMOZHITHEVAN (CUDDALORE): Sir, the National Highway No. 532 between Cuddalore and Salem is an important road in my parliamentary constituency, Cuddalore. This NH 532 connects Cuddalore, Vadalur, Virudhachalam, Veppur, Sirupakkam and V.Koot road spread over a distance of 110 kilometres. In many places, this National Highway is in a dilapidated condition due to recent excessive rains. It gives a bumpy ride through the stretch causing inconvenience to thousands of commuters. All types of vehicles including trucks and trailers ply on this Highway. Due to the bad condition of this National Highway, many accidents do occur. Government officials, when approached, say that they have submitted a project estimate for Rs. 96 lakh to rectify and repair this whole road stretch of 110 kilometres. The officials claim that they would be able to rectify only when they receive funds from the Departments concerned.

This National Highway assumes importance as it provides main road connectivity to Cuddalore connecting several towns. Cuddalore Port, Neyveli Lignite Corporation, several multi-speciality hospitals, colleges, Government offices and other vital institutions are connected with this National Highway.

I, therefore, urge the Union Government that this prominent National Highway No. 532, being utilized by so many commuters on a regular basis, should be made suitable for travel and be upgraded into a four-lane road during the current year itself with adequate allocation of funds.

HON. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Dr. Kakoli Ghosh Dastidar – not present. Prof. Saugata Roy – not present.