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Title: Need to undertake development of National Highway No. 147 between Sarkhej and Gandhinagar in Gujarat.

DR. KIRIT P. SOLANKI (AHMEDABAD): I would like to draw your kind attention to the fact that development of Sarkhej - Gandhi Nagar National Highway no. NH-147 (old NH-8) is urgently required. Sarkhej-Gandhi Nagar Highway section facilitates connectivity to main National Highway NH-48 (Delhi - Ahmadabad - Mumbai) and rest of Gujarat. By serving these needs, it establishes vital linkage through Gandhi Nagar, the state capital and the largest city of Gujarat, Ahmadabad. This particular road section carries heavy traffic and experiences traffic hurdles at major junctions/intersections. Mobility and safety both are equally paramount in this section, which is presently facing capacity constraint due to four lane/six lane configuration and heterogeneous mix of local and long distance traffic. Immediate multi-laning, segregation of local and through traffic; spatially as well as grade separation is justified need at major intersections.

Although Ministry of Road Transport and Highways is attending to some of such intersections and road sections, immediate attention and action is required for integrated multi-laning, grade separation and corridor development of this section. I, therefore, urge upon the Minister concerned to take suitable step in this regard.