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Title: Need to develop Amravati as a smart city.

SHRI ANANDRAO ADSUL (AMRAVATI): Madam, through you, I want to draw the attention of the hon. Minister of Urban Development regarding development of Amravati as a Smart City.

Hon. Speaker, Amravati is a holy city, the birth place of Lord Krishna's wife Rukmini, having more than 10 lakh cosmopolitan population. People from all over India visit this holy place frequently. Amravati is a Municipal Corporation Area and big business hub which is well-connected with the Indian Railways. NTC Finlay Mill is situated in Amravati. There is a wholesale cloth market in Amravati which supply cloth to the adjoining States. A Missile factory is going to start there. The India Bull Coal Power Project is also situated in Amravati. Several industries under the Maharashtra Industrial Development Corporation are situated in Amravati. There is a big Railway Junction at Badnera adjoining Amravati in the same Corporation Area. Amravati itself has a big modern Railway Station from where seven trains to the various corners of the country are running.

Hanuman Vyayam Prasarak Mandal is situated in Amravati. Thousands of pupil from all over India and abroad come to study there. Several Medical, Engineering and Polytechnic institutes/Colleges and Marathi, Urdu and English Medium Schools are situated in Amravati. Amravati is a divisional place of adjoining five districts such as Amravati, Akola, Yavatmal, Buldhana and Wasim.

Chikaldhara Hill Station is also adjoining the National Tiger Project to attract the tourists. Amravati is also situated on the Chhattisgarh-Gujarat National Highway.

I would request the hon. Minister of Urban Development to kindly consider the above facts and to instruct the officials concerned to develop Amravati as a Smart City.

13.00 hrs