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Title: Need to connect famous pilgrim centres Palani and Sabarimala in Kerala by a National Highway.

ADV. JOICE GEORGE (IDUKKI): Mr. Chairman, Sir, our Government is spending a lot of money on infrastructure especially on establishing national highways and rural roads. But there is a disparity in using the money for establishment of rural infrastructure and other national highways also. According to AG's Report of Kerala, during the last 40 years no money has been spent from Central road funds in my District Idukki. I now raise another issue of connecting two pilgrim centres of South India. You would also be happy to have such a national highway established between Palani Hills and Sabarimala. Both these are the most important and famous pilgrim centres in South India. Establishing connectivity between pilgrim centres and tourist centres will have a telling effect on the development of these areas and the intervening areas also. I suggest a road from Palani to Sabarimala through Kulumam, Kurichikotta, Chinnar, Marayoor, Munnar, Nedunkandam, Kumli and Mundakayam through Erumeli Sabarimala route. My friend Mr. Udaya Kumar would also be happy to support me in establishing this new national highway between Palani and Sabarimala. So, I urge upon the Government to take up this issue and declare a new national highway connecting Palani and Sabarimala, allot funds for the same, and complete that work within a time bound manner. Thank you.