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Title: Need to widen the road from Anakapalle to Anandapuram via Pendurthi in Andhra Pradesh to four lane.

SHRI MUTHAMSETTI SRINIVASA RAO (AVANTHI) (ANAKAPALLI): Madam Speaker, thank you for giving me this opportunity to raise a matter of urgent public importance, that is demand for widening the road from Anakapalli to Anandapuram *via* Pendurthi as a four-lane or six-lane project. Vizag traffic and the State Highway traffic pass through Chennai-Howrah National Highway (NH No.5). In order to improve the safety and ensure smooth flow of traffic, it is essential to construct this four-lane or six-lane project at the earliest. The entire section of NH-5 between Anakapalli to Anandapuram is witnessing heavy traffic. It is unsafe from safety point of view. The main reason is, local traffic has direct access to the National Highway, which results in congestion and accidents.

HON. SPEAKER: Is it a National Highway?

SHRI MUTHAMSETTI SRINIVASA RAO (AVANTHI): It is a National Highway, Madam. Many people were killed; and many more were injured. I request the Ministry of Road Transport to find a permanent solution to this nagging problem.

Madam, through you, I request the hon. Minister to issue instructions because already they have given the DPR but it is getting delayed since the past two years. I would request the hon. Minister to kindly finalize the DPR, start the work immediately and issue instructions to the concerned authorities to widen the road, four to six lanes, from Anakapalli to Anandapuram *via* Pendurthi on a priority basis to save precious human lives. It comes under my constituency Anakapalli.

Thank you Madam, for giving me the opportunity.