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Title: Regarding completion to work on National Highway 77 between Puducherry and Krishanagiri (Tamil Nadu).

*SHRI V. ELUMALAI (ARANI) Hon. Madam Speaker, Vanakkam. The work relating to laying of road on the National Highway No 77 which passes between Pondicherry and Krishnagiri, via Tindivanam, Gingee Thiruvannamalai and Uthangarai, was started several years ago. Till date the work has not been completed. On this National Highway, in the stretch between Pondicherry-Tindivanam, work was completed in the year 2010. But it is a matter of concern that laying work has not been completed in the stretch between Krishnagiri and Tindivanam. This is an important highway. Every year several thousands of pilgrims use this National Highway to visit Thiruvannamalai Arunachaleswarar temple and Memalaiyanur Angalamman temple. It is pertinent to mention that the National Highway No 66 between Pondicherry and Krishnagiri provides connectivity with Bengaluru. Several accidents take place on this Highway due to dilapidated condition. I therefore urge upon the laying work on this National Highway should be completed soon as it was pending since the year 2010. Even though I have time and again raised this issue in this august House, the laying work has not been completed. While Hon. Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways has been giving importance to several other National Highways of the country, I urge upon him that he should also give importance to this National Highway No 77 between Krishnagiri and Pondicherry and ensure the early completion of laying work. During the last 4 years I have time and again raised this issue in this

House. This National Highway which passes through my constituency also gives connectivity to my own residence, is in dilapidated condition, Hon. Union Minister by giving utmost priority should ensure that the laying work on this National Highway No 77 gets completed soon.

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