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Dr. D. Veerendra Heggade Hon'ble Member of Parliament, Shree Kshetra Dharmasthala, D.K - 574216

Respected Sir,

Sub: Restoration of 10 km stretch between Maranahalli and Addahole (NH 75) and release of emergency funds from the Central Government.

I, on behalf of the entire Board of KCCI, extend warm season's greetings and best wishes for a prosperous 2025!

Further to our earlier representation dated 7th November 2022, we once again bring to your kind attention the deteriorated condition of National Highway 75, specifically the 10 km stretch between Maranahalli and Addahole. This section has become a significant bottleneck for commuters and for the transportation of goods between Mangaluru, Bengaluru, and the hinterland. Despite repeated requests, the condition of this road has not improved and has become completely non-motorable.

The industry and export-import (exim) trade, which rely heavily on the New Mangalore Port for shipment of goods, have frequently highlighted the challenges posed by this road. Last year, your personal intervention with the Hon'ble Minister of Road Transport and Highways, Shri Nitin Gadkari, was instrumental in securing funds for temporary repairs. This proactive step by your goodself provided much-needed relief, making the road motorable at that time.

Unfortunately, these temporary repairs were short-lived, as this year's heavy monsoon rains caused extensive damage, rendering the stretch once again non-motorable. No remedial measures have been undertaken since, and the situation now demands urgent attention.

On behalf of the industry and the general public, we earnestly request your kind attention and personal intervention to once again impress upon the Hon'ble Minister, Shri Nitin Gadkari, the urgent need to allocate emergency funds for the restoration of this critical stretch.

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Additionally, we request that the Project Director of the National Highway Authority (Hassan Division) be directed to take necessary steps, as was done last year, by filling potholes, repairing craters, and asphalting this 10 km stretch to ensure road connectivity from Mangaluru to Bengaluru.

While we appreciate the efforts and proactive measures already taken by the Project Director, Hassan Division, in deploying resources to expedite work, we emphasize the need for swift completion to ensure that the road remains motorable.

Our specific prayers are as follows:

- 1. **Immediate action** for restoring NH 75 between Maranahalli and Addahole (10 km stretch) by asphalting the road and releasing emergency funds.
- 2. **Expedited completion** of the important four-laning project from B.C. Road to Sakleshpur.

Your prompt intervention will significantly benefit the industry and the general public of Dakshina Kannada and Udupi districts.

Thanking you.

Yours faithfully, For KANARA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY

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