CANACONA BYPASS NAMED AFTER EX-CM

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Chief Minister, Dr Pramod Sawant in the presence of Union Minister of State for Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Shri Babul Supriyo, PWD Minister, Shri Deepak Prabhu Pauskar; Power Minister, Shri Nilesh Cabral and MLA, Canacona, Shri Isidore Fernandes inaugurated the Canacona Bypass on National Highway (NH 66) today. The By-pass has been named after the Ex Defence Minister and Ex CM of the State Shri Manohar Parrikar as ‘Manohar Parrikar Canacona Bypass’.

This bypass is on the National Highway 66 from KM 68/00 (CH 00/00) to KM 85/740 (CH 7/740) on P.M. Section in the State of Goa and built at a cost of Rs. 294 crores including civil cost of Rs. 227 cores. The work of the Bypass includes 3 bridges namely Talpona, Galgibag and Mashem at a length of 1.5 kms and has 6 underpass for local transport. The total length of the road is 6.21 kms.

While speaking on the occasion Chief Minister, Dr Sawant said, the bypass was the dream of the Ex CM Manohar Parrikar which has been realized today. The present major infrastructure projects which are nearing completion were planned by the visionary leader, late Shri Parrikar he said. Mopa Airport, Patradevi - Karaswada - Bambolim Road, Zuari Bridge, Anmod Highway, Khadepar bridge and other projects which are on the verge of completion were the dream projects of Shri Parrikar, he added.

Canacona Bypass will not only save the travelling time but will save lives as the accident prone zones will be near to zero percent he said. Canacona Constituency has many resources like beaches and forest area which should be judiciously used to generate income for the local people. He said Forest and Beaches are the God gifts. Government is working for the welfare of every person of the society he said. Care will be taken to ensure that people who reside in the Eco sensitive zone and buffer zone are not affected or suffer, he pointed.

Upgraded facilities will be given to Canacona Primary Health Centre. The trauma centre will be upgraded. All issues will be solved in next two years. Government is contemplating of acquiring some land on both sides
of the bypass road to provide suitable to market the local produce to the people affected by this Bypass, he said.

Shri Babul Supriyo assured that Union government will always support the development of Goa and Goans. He said State, Government is working in the right direction for achieving their set goals. As Forest Minister he is working to provide basic amenities to the people residing in Forest area. I am honoured to be part of this scenic bypass project inauguration, he added.

Shri Dipak Pauskar said union government has provided funds to the tune of around Rs.15,000 crores to various infrastructure projects likes bridges and roads presently being undertaken in the State. All round development is going on with the support of union government. He said, major projects which are going on will be completed by December 2020. While the other works which are in pipeline will be completed by December 2022.

Power Minister, Shri Nilesh Cabral said Electricity Department is working for the underground cabling of 11 KV and 33 KV power system in the State. Goa is attracting state in the country and also in the world. He said development is taking place with due care protecting the nature and the natural beauty. Development is for the people of state and Government should not be blamed if one does not support development and infrastructure project.

Dy. Speaker, Shri Isidore Fernandes said the dream of Canacona people have come true with this bypass.

Chief Engineer, National Highway, Shri Umesh Kulkarni welcomed while Chairperson, Canacona Municipal Council, Smt Nitu Dessai proposed the vote of thanks. Zilla Panchayat Member, Smt Pushpa Ayya, Ex Minister, Shri Ramesh Tawadkar, Councilors, Sarpanchas and Panchas were present on the occasion.

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