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To,
Shri. Nitin Gadkari Ji,
Honorable Minister for Road Transport & Highways,
Government of India,
New Delhi.

Respected Sir,

Subject: - Land slide took place on NH-66 at Ankola-Karnataka-
Request to pay compensation and provide employment to
the family member and to rectify the defects in the
construction of the NH at Ankola.

We would like to draw your kind attention towards the land slide took place on NH-66 at Ankola, Karnataka on 16-07-2024. According to the official information of the Karnataka Government, 7 persons (3 drivers and the 4 family members of the Tea Stall) died on the spot. The tragedy took place because of the defective construction of the NH at the accident spot. NHAI should be held responsible for the incident and the causality. AIRTWF demands the Government of India to pay compensation of Rs. 50, 00,000 to each of the deceased and provide employment to the family members of the deceased.

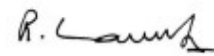
It was reported that the incident took place in the morning hours of 16-07-2024. Three Gas tanker drivers parked their vehicles and having tea. Suddenly the land slide happened and all of them submerged. There was a river and a hill at that place. No preventive measures were taken at that point to avert such dangers considering the situation prevailing there while constructing the NH. It was reported in the Assembly of Karnataka that the minister had long back visited that spot and identified the defective construction and immediately reported to NHAI. But nothing was happened to rectify the defects and the tragedy took place now. This clearly proves the gross negligence and the callous attitude of the NHAI Authorities.

It is not only one incident of defective construction of the National Highways. There are a number of violations in the construction of the National Highways in India at different places. AIRTWF had brought such defects to the notice of the Ministry many a times. But ironically no rectification measures have taken up.

AIRTWF appeal the ministry to conduct a thorough inspection and suitable rectification measures have to be initiated to prevent the accidents.

Thanking you Sir.

Yours Sincerely,



(R.LAKSHMAIAH)
General Secretary