Mr Speaker, I am grateful to you for the opportunity to say a few words with regard to the Statement on the floor. But let me commend Hon George Andah for bringing this matter to the attention of this House.

Mr Speaker, I hold the view that the fact that it has come from him, sends a signal, that when it comes to development, it does not matter which side of the aisle you belong. Obviously, he is on the Majority Side but the daily stress and frustration that commuters go through and the citizens of Ghana endure have nothing to do with party colours.

Although it may be a matter which may create the impression that early day pressure is being put on the Ministry of Roads and Highways, it is a daily reality, and it is important that the situation on that road is addressed, particularly with respect to what our Police can do for us.

Mr Speaker, I use the road almost every other day to Winneba and back and sometimes, one would realise that the Policemen cannot even be found. At other times, when they are even there, you would see them very helpless. I am sure that if the Acting Inspector-General of Police (IGP) and other divisional heads in charge of monitoring our roads are able to get their men to professionally discharge the duty required of them on the road, I am sure the situation would get to a level that would bring some relief.

Mr Speaker, let me also take this opportunity to commend the previous Government for that initiative of expanding the road network — [Hear! Hear!] Except to say that, my views at the time I seconded the Motion on the floor still remain, that is, we could possibly look at the cost, and if we are able to get some gains with respect to the value for money views I expressed some time back.

Other areas — This is because he is talking about the need to have more tarred roads. We have some areas that they could look at, so that all of us would have relief.

Mr Speaker, with these few words, I would want to thank you and hope that the main recommendations as put out, would be so carried out by authorities, so that the people of Ghana would benefit from that road.

I am so grateful for the opportunity.