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Narrow escape for Minister in Mandya

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Minister for Municipal Administration, Horticulture and Sericulture K.C. Narayana Gowda had a close shave near Bankapura in Mandya district on Sunday as the workers engaged in the Bengaluru-Jalasuru State highway upgrading works carried out unscientific rock blasting.

Eyewitnesses said that pieces of a huge rock flew high up in the air and fell on the highway when the fleet of vehicles that Mr. Gowda and government officials

were travelling in was between K.R. Pet and

Nagamangalau.
The work as had blasted a roadside huge rock without blocking vehicle movement, said police officials.

The incident shook Mr. Gowda, who is also the incharge minister of Mandya, and others, as pieces of the stone fell on the road in their presence. Following the development, based on the instructions of Mr. Gowda, the contractor concerned was taken into custody for questioning, said Nagamangala police sources.