

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO- 97
ANSWERED ON – 07/12/2022

DELAY IN CONSTRUCTION OF NH-77

97. SHRI S. SELVAGANABATHY:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is aware that the NH-77 project between Tindivanam and Krishnagiri in Tamil Nadu is delayed for more than a decade;
- (b) if so, the reasons for such undue delay; and
- (c) whether Government would commit a deadline to complete the project in a time bound manner as the commuters in Puducherry and Bengaluru are very badly affected?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

(SHRI NITIN JAIRAM GADKARI)

- (a) Yes Sir.
- (b) The project of two-laning with paved shoulder from Tindivanam to Krishnagiri section of National Highway (NH)-66 was earlier terminated on 16.05.2019 due to stoppage of the work by Concessionaire.
Thereafter, the balance work of two-laning from Tindivanam (km.37/600) to Krishnagiri (km.219/782) section of NH-66 has been awarded with the commencement date from 04.11.2019. The project completion is delayed due to various reasons such as COVID 1st and 2nd wave, delay due to getting approval for burrow area and due to unprecedented rainfall etc.
- (c) The entire stretch is anticipated to be completed by 31.03.2023 except Gingee, Uthangarai and Samalpatti bypasses. The Gingee and Samalpatti bypasses are anticipated to be completed by 31.05.2023. In Uthangarai bypass, out of 4.43 Km, 300m is subjudice.
