

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-1697
ANSWERED ON-15/03/2023

WIDENING OF EAST COAST IN TAMIL NADU

1697. SHRI VAIKO:
SHRI M. SHANMUGAM:

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

- (a) whether there is any proposal to make East Coast Road (ECR) from Kalpakkam to Kanyakumari four-lane, with divider and grade separators to make it hassle-free;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the progress of widening of ECR in Mamallapuram to Cuddalore sector into four-lane with hassle-free traffic; and
- (d) the total cost involved and the budget allocation made for the widening of ECR project?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
(SHRI NITIN JAIRAM GADKARI)

- (a) & (b) Yes Sir. The stretch of East Coast Road (ECR) from Mamallapuram to Kanyakumari is taken up for four-laning with divided carriageway, including construction of Grade Separators, Flyovers, Vehicular Underpasses (VUPs) etc. wherever required based on Detailed Project Report (DPR) study for seamless and safe movement of both vehicular and pedestrian traffic. The details of the projects are as per the annexure attached.
- (c) The status of widening of ECR from Mamallapuram to Cuddalore is as per the annexure attached.
- (d) The total estimated project cost towards widening of ECR from Mamallapuram to Kanyakumari is about Rs. 24,435 crore.

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1697 ANSWERED ON 15TH MARCH, 2023 ASKED BY SHRI VAIKO AND SHRI M. SHANMUGAM REGARDING 'WIDENING OF EAST COAST IN TAMIL NADU'

A. Details of the projects of ECR road

S. No	Stretch / Package Name	Length (Km)
1	Four-laning of Mamallapuram - Mugaiyur section of NH-332A	31.000
2	Four laning of Mugaiyur to Marakkanam section of NH-332A	31.000
3	Marakkanam to Puducherry section of NH-332A	46.047
4	Four laning of Puducherry - Poondiyankuppam Section of NH-32 (Old NH-45A)	38.000
5	Four laning of Poondiyankuppam - Sattanathapuram Section of NH-32 (Old 45A)	56.800
6	Four laning of Sattanathapuram - Nagapattinam Section of 32 (Old NH-45A)	55.755
7	Nagapattinam - Ramanathapuram - Tuticorin section of NH-32	313.000
8	Tuticorin - Tiruchendur - Kanyakumari section of NH-32	125.000
	Total	696.602

B. Status of widening of ECR from Mamallapuram to Cuddalore

S. No	Stretch / Package Name	Length (Km)	Target date of completion	Physical Progress (as on 28.02.2023)
1	4-laning of Mamallapuram – Mugaiyur section of NH-332A	31.000	11.05.2024	2.47%
2	Four laning of Mugaiyur to Marakkanam section of NH-332A	31.000	Work has been awarded and Concession Agreement has been signed on 11.05.2022.	
3	Marakkanam to Puducherry section of NH-332A	46.047	Bids for the work have been invited.	
4	Four laning of Puducherry - Poondiyankuppam (Cuddalore) section of NH-32 (Old NH45A)	38.000	14.11.2023	41.60%
	Total	146.047		
