

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-2472
ANSWERED ON- 22/03/2023

STATUS OF HIGHWAY FROM KASARGOD TO KANYAKUMARI

2472. SHRI PRAKASH JAVADEKAR:

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

- (a) the status of highway from Kasargod to Kanyakumari;
- (b) the details thereof; and
- (c) the difficulties encountered and how they were solved in this project?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

(SHRI NITIN JAIRAM GADKARI)

(a) & (b) The stretch of National Highway (NH) No. 66 from Kasargod to Kanyakumari is divided into 26 packages. Out of these, 24 packages lie in the State of Kerala and remaining 2 packages lie in the State of Tamil Nadu. The status of these 26 packages is annexed.

(c) **Difficulties faced in the State of Kerala:**

- (i) Delay in receiving Borrow Earth and Stone Quarry permissions. Regular meetings with Government of Kerala are being done to resolve the issue. However, matter is not resolved fully despite of several efforts.
- (ii) Protest from public demanding additional crossing facilities like underpasses, overpasses, flyover, service road etc. Additional facilities are being provided in accordance with Indian Road Congress (IRC) provisions. Law & order issue is being resolved with close coordination with District Administration/State Government.

Difficulties faced in the State of Tamil Nadu:

- (i) The work could not be completed due to issues of land acquisition, interim injunction by Madurai Bench of Hon'ble High Court of Madras, suspension of Environmental Clearance (EC) by Hon'ble National Green Tribunal (NGT), restrictions on extraction of earth in Kanyakumari District being ecologically sensitive zone, etc.
- (ii) The contracts were foreclosed with effect from 31.03.2022 and Settlement Agreements were signed with the Contractor on 31.01.2023 due to difficulty faced in procurement of 32 lakh cum of earth for construction of the balance work in Kanyakumari District. Later, Government of Tamil Nadu vide letter dated 04.07.2022 informed that the required quantity of earth (about 32 lakh Cum) can be procured from the adjacent district of Tirunelveli, which is having a lead of about 80 Km.
- (iii) Based on the above, fresh bids on EPC mode have been received for execution of the balance works. The balance work is targeted for completion in 2 years from the date of commencement.

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) AND (b) OF RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2472 ANSWERED ON 22ND MARCH, 2023 ASKED BY SHRI PRAKASH JAVADEKAR REGARDING 'STATUS OF HIGHWAY FROM KASARGOD TO KANYAKUMARI'.

Status of 24 packages in the State of Kerala

Sr. No.	Name of Project	Length (km)	Physical Progress (%)
1.	6-laning of Thalappady to Chengala on NH-66 (Old NH-17)	39.00	34.80 %
2	6-laning of Chengala to Neeleshwaram on NH-66 (Old NH-17)	37.268	26.05 %
3	Construction of 4-lane ROB near Neeleshwaram Town (Pallikara Railway Gate) from Km. 93.468 (Existing Km. 95.650) to Km. 94.248 (Existing Km. 96.450) on NH-66	0.78	94.60 %
4	6-laning of Neeleshwaram to Thalipparamba on NH-66 (Old NH-17)	40.11	16.60 %
5	6-laning of Thalipparamba to Muzhapilangadu on NH-66 (Old NH-17)	29.95	24 %
6	4 Laning of Thalassery-Mahe Bypass from km. 170.600 to km.189.200 on NH-66	18.600	92.67 %
7	6-laning of Azhiyur to Vengalam on NH-66 (Old NH-17)	40.8	21.10 %
8	Construction of six lane minor bridge at km 203.160 and major bridge at km 204.895	2.1	77.78 %
9	6-laning of Existing Kozhikode Bypass (i.e. Vengalam Jn. to Ramanattukara Jn.) from km 230.400 to km 258.800 (Design Chainage) of NH-66	28.4	31.84 %
10	6-laning of Ramanattukara to Valanchery on NH-66 (Old NH-17)	39.68	21.60 %
11	6-laning of Valanchery to Kappirikkad on NH-66 (Old NH-17)	37.35	25.3 %
12	4/6-laning of Kappirikkad-Thalikulam of NH-17 (New NH-66)	33.17	4.20 %
13	4/6-laning of Thalikulam-Kodungallur of NH-17 (New NH-66)	28.84	3.80 %
14	6-laning of Kodungallur- Edappally of NH-66(Old NH-17)	26.03	2.37 %
15	Edappally-Vytilla-Aroor section on NH-66	16.75	Completed
16	6 lane elevated highway between Aroor-Thuravoor section of NH-66	12.75	0 %
17	6 Laning of Thuravoor Thekku- Paravoor section of NH-66(Old NH-47)	38.388	4.70 %
18	6-Laning of Paravoor to Kottukulangara section of NH-66(Old NH-47)	37.5	1.85 %
19.	6-Laning of Kottukulangara-Start of Kollam Bypass of NH-66(Old NH-47)	31.5	10.39 %
20.	6-Laning of Start of Kollam Bypass to Kadambattukonam of NH-66(Old NH-47)	31.25	7.45 %

21.	6-Laning of Kadambattukonam to Kazhakuttom of NH-66 (Old NH-47)	29.83	3.11 %
22	Construction of New 4-Lane Elevated Highway (2x10.5m wide twin two lane structures) including approaches & service roads connecting Kazhakoottam Junction and Technopark Junction from Km.547+080 to Km.549+801	2.721	Completed
23	4-laning of Kazhakoottam to Mukkola Section from Km.0+000 to Km.26+500 of NH-47 in the State of Kerala	24.998	Completed
24	4 Laning of Thiruvananthapuram Bypass from Mukkola to Kerala / Tamil Nadu Border (Km. 26.500 to Km. 43.000) on NH-66 on EPC Mode	16.202	99.63 %
GRAND TOTAL		643.967	

Status of 2 packages in the State of Tamil Nadu

Sr. No.	Name of Project	Length (km)	Physical Progress (%)
1.	Kerala / Tamil Nadu border to Villukuri section from km 43/0 to km 70/250 of NH-47	27.250	78.19 %
2	4-laning of Villukuri to Kanyakumari section from km 70/250 to km 96/714 of NH-47 and Nagercoil to Kavalkinaru section from km 0/0 to km 16/376 of NH-47B	42.103	82.04
