

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-729
ANSWERED ON-08/02/2023

**DILAPIDATED CONDITION OF NATIONAL HIGHWAY IN THE STRETCH
BETWEEN MADURAVOYAL - POONAMALLEE - RANIPET**

729. DR. KANIMOZHI NVN SOMU:

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

- (a) whether the Central Government is aware of the bad condition of National Highway in the stretch between Maduravoyal - Poonamallee - Ranipet causing severe hardships to road commuters passing through this stretch of NH;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons for same; and
- (c) details of remedial measures planned by the NHAI to reduce the burden of commuters passing through this road stretch?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

(SHRI NITIN JAIRAM GADKARI)

(a) to (b) Yes Sir. There have been hardships to commuters in the Maduravoyal to Walajahpet (Ranipet) section of National Highway (NH) - 48 due to the ongoing six-laning works on this stretch. Damages to the carriageway, if any, are being regularly attended by concerned Contractors.

The stretch from Maduravoyal to Walajahpet is taken up in three packages. There are delays in completing this stretch due to issues in availability of pond ash, borrow earth, extended rainfall and encroachments clearance. The status of the stretch is as follows:

Package-I (Maduravoyal to Sriperumbudur) – The present progress is 60% and anticipated date of completion is March'2023; **Package-II** (Sriperumbudur to Karaipettai) - The present progress is 38.23% and anticipated date of completion is 31.03.2024; and **Package-III** (Karaipettai to Walajahpet) - The present progress is 56.30% and anticipated date of completion is 31.12.2023.

(c) There have been hardships to commuters due to the ongoing six laning works and related traffic diversion through service roads. Adequate diversion roads, erection of road signs and safety measures have been taken up for the safety of commuters. Efforts are being made to complete the widening of the main carriageway in a planned manner to reduce the hardships to commuters.
