

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-1206
ANSWERED ON-13/12/2023

TRAFFIC CONGESTION ON SALEM-KOCHI HIGHWAY

1206. SHRI K.R.N. RAJESHKUMAR:

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

- (a) whether Government is aware of the severe traffic conditions on the Salem-Kochi Highway (NH 544) connecting Salem city in Tamil Nadu to the city of Kochi in Kerala;
- (b) the steps taken to tackle the issue of heavy road traffic on this highway creating problems to daily domestic passengers and commercial vehicles; and
- (c) whether Government has any plan to convert it to 6 lanes, and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (c) Congestion has been observed, in certain stretches, during peak hours. To provide relief, various works have been taken up as per details Annexed.

ANNEXURE

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) TO (c) OF RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1206 ANSWERED ON 13.12.2023 ASKED BY SHRI K.R.N. RAJESHKUMAR REGARDING TRAFFIC CONGESTION ON SALEM-KOCHI HIGHWAY

Sr. No.	Stretch	Length (in km.)	Existing Lane Configuration	Additional Works taken up
1	Salem to TN/KL Border	157 km	43 km - 6 laned 114 km - 4 laned	4 nos. of additional 6-lane underpasses with service road have been constructed and additional 12 nos of underpasses are under construction in 4-laned section of Salem-Chengapalli stretch
	Coimbatore Bypass	26.2 km	26.2 km – 2 lane with paved shoulder	DPR for widening to 4 lane awarded.
2	TN/KL Border to Kochi	147 km	28 km - 6 laned 119 km - 4 laned	Underpass at Chalakudy has been completed.
