

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 369  
ANSWERED ON 8<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER, 2022**

**WIDENING PROJECTS OF NH-66**

**369. DR. SHASHI THAROOR:  
ADV. ADOOR PRAKASH:**

**Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS**

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

**be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has set a revised time-frame for completion of the much-delayed widening project between Kasaragod and Thiruvananthapuram on National Highway-66 in Kerala and if so, the details thereof;**
- (b) the present status of the said project;**
- (c) the reasons for the long delay in the construction of the said project and the steps taken by the Government to expedite it;**
- (d) the funds allocated and utilized thereon so far; and**
- (e) the number of black spots identified on the said stretch of NH-66 and the steps taken by the Government to mitigate the risk of accidents at these locations?**

**ANSWER**

**THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS**

**(SHRI NITIN JAIRAM GADKARI)**

**(a) to (c) The widening project between Kasaragod and Thiruvananthapuram on National Highway (NH)-66 in Kerala is divided into 21 packages. All the packages have been awarded and under various stages of construction. The work was delayed mainly due to heavy rainfall and lockdown owing to COVID-19 epidemic. All the packages are targeted to complete between 30.12.2022 to 22.04.2025.**

**(d) The total fund allocated is Rs. 56,266 crore and total fund utilized is Rs. 19,003 crore.**

**(e) There are 186 black spots (2015-2018) identified on NH-66. Short term rectification of these black spots have already been carried out. Further, long term rectification of these black spots are proposed under six laning work.**

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