

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1291
ANSWERED ON 9TH FEBRUARY, 2023**

KOLLAM-THIRUMANGLAM NH-744

1291. SHRI KODIKUNNIL SURESH:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

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be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Kollam-Thirumanglam National Highway (NH-744) is proposed for expansion and capacity reinforcement;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the fund allocated for the purpose;**
- (c) whether bypasses will be constructed at Kottarakkara and Punalur as part of its expansion;**
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and**
- (e) whether any change in the alignment of the said NH has been proposed by the Government in view of public demand and if so, the details thereof?**

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

(SHRI NITIN JAIRAM GADKARI)

(a) and (b) Yes Sir. Kollam to Madurai section of National Highway (NH) No. 744 via Thirumangalam is proposed to be developed as four-lane highway which will connect Kollam in the State of Kerala and Thirumangalam (Madurai) in the State of Tamil Nadu.

Kerala Portion – The stretch from Kadambattukonam to Kerala/Tamil Nadu border section is taken up in two packages as follows:

The bids for Greenfield road from Kadambattukonam to Edamon section of NH-744 have been invited. Alignment for Edamon to Kerala/Tamil Nadu border section of NH-744 has been finalised.

Tamil Nadu Portion - The stretch from Kerala/Tamil Nadu border to Thirumangalam section is taken up in five packages as follows:

The works in Thirumangalam to Vadugapatti and Vadugapatti to Therkuvenganallur (Rajapalayam) sections have been awarded having total project cost of Rs. 2415.10 crore. The bids for the work in Rajapalayam to Shenkottai section have been invited in two packages having total project cost of Rs. 2849.22 crore. The work of preparation of detailed project report (DPR) for the stretch from Shenkottai to Palaruvi (Kerala/Tamil Nadu border) has been taken up.

(c) to (e) Greenfield alignment from Kadambattukonam to Edamon is proposed in place of existing Kollam to Edamon section of NH-744. Due to this, Kottarakkara and Punalur localities will be bypassed.
