

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 21  
ANSWERED ON 02<sup>ND</sup> FEBRUARY, 2023**

**NATIONAL HIGHWAY PROJECTS**

**21. ADV. DEAN KURIAKOSE:**

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

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

**be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has received any proposal to construct a National Highway (NH) from Kochi to Sivaganga *via* Idukki and if so, the details thereof;**
- (b) whether the Government has accorded in-principle approval for the said NH;**
- (c) if so, the details thereof along with the reasons for not completing the said NH;**
- (d) whether the Government proposes to ensure that the project which is passing through Ernakulam, Vytilla, Kolanchery, Muvattupuzha, Vazhakulam, Thodupuzha, Vagamon, Kattappana, Kambammettu, Kambam and Theni to Sivaganga is completed as per schedule; and**
- (e) if so, the details thereof?**

**ANSWER**

**THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS**

**(SHRI NITIN JAIRAM GADKARI)**

**(a) to (c) The road connecting Kochi in Kerala and Sivaganga in Tamil Nadu is already an existing National Highway NH-85 which is mostly 2 lane and partly 4 lane. Presently, 10 works on NH-85 having a**

**length of 139.56 km costing Rs 813 Crore have been taken up and are likely to be completed by August, 2024.**

**(d) & (e) Apart from the existing NH-85, construction of a Greenfield Highway is being taken up from Kochi to Madurai by NHAI for which DPR is in progress. However, the existing NH-85 from Kochi to Sivaganga is being maintained in traffic worthy condition. DPR works for development of the stretch of NH-85 from Kerala/ Tamil Nadu border to Madurai is also in progress.**

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