

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 131  
ANSWERED ON 20<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2023  
ROAD ACCIDENTS ON NH 544**

**131. SHRI V.K. SREEKANDAN:**

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

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

**be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the frequent accidents and poor safety measures have made the Mannuthy-Kaarukutty stretch of National Highway-544 one of the most dangerous roads in the State of Kerala;**
- (b) if so, whether 80 people were killed in 893 accidents on the 35 km. stretch of the National Highway from Mannuthy-Kaarukutty during the last two years;**
- c) whether unscientific construction and lack of safety measures were cited as the main reasons for the frequent accidents at the said stretch and if so, the reaction of the Government thereto;**
- (d) whether there are no subways or foot overbridges, lighting or storage lane on the road covering the said stretch; and**
- (e) if so, the steps taken by the National Highways Authority of India in this regard?**

**ANSWER**

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

**(a) to (c) 9 blackspots have been identified on the Mannuthy-Kaarukutty stretch of National Highway (NH) - 544 in the State of Kerala. Out of 9 blackspots, 1 blackspot has already been rectified by constructing an underpass at km 295.942. Detailed Project Report (DPR) has been awarded for rectification of remaining 8 blackspots. 36 people have died in 346 accidents recorded during the last two years on this stretch.**

**(d) & (e) In the aforementioned stretch, 5 flyovers, 3 underpasses and lighting has been provided. Further, 15 median openings have been provided with storage lanes.**

\*\*\*\*\*