

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3585
ANSWERED ON 10TH AUGUST 2023**

LAND ACQUISITION

3585. ADV. ADOOR PRAKASH:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

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be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has consented to Kerala to bear the entire land acquisition cost of new national highways in the State;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) whether the Government has proposed any conditions for bearing the entire land acquisition cost and if so, the details thereof;**
- (d) the details of response from the State Government in this regard;**
- (e) the details and present status of new national highways proposed in the State of Kerala; and**
- (f) whether National Highways Authority of India is planning six-lane skyway project in Kochi and if so, the details thereof?**

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

(SHRI NITIN JAIRAM GADKARI)

(a) to (d) A proposal was received from Government of Kerala to waive off the proposed 25 per cent of State of Kerala's share of land acquisition for two projects of National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) i.e. (i) Ernakullam Bypass (ii) Kollam-Shenkottai. The reply for the same has been sent seeking inter-alia certain exemptions from the State Government. The reply from the Government of Kerala has not been received.

(e) The Ministry considers declaration of some State roads, including State Highways (SHs) and new greenfield alignment, as National Highways (NHs) from time to time based on the fulfilment of the criteria, requirement of connectivity, inter-se priority and availability of funds.

The important criteria for declaration of NHs from State roads/green field as also finalization of alignment include the following: -

- i. Roads running through length / breadth of the country.**
 - ii. Connecting adjacent countries, National Capitals with State Capitals / mutually the State Capitals, major ports, non-major ports, large industrial centres or tourist centres.**
 - iii. Roads having important strategic requirement in hilly and isolated area.**
 - iv. Arterial roads which enable sizeable reduction in travel distance and achieve substantial economic growth.**
 - iv. Roads which help in opening up large tracts of backward area and hilly region.**
 - v. Roads contributing towards achievement of National Highways grid of 100 km.**
 - vii. Synergy with PM GatiShakti National Master Plan (NMP).**
- (f) Detailed Project Report (DPR) work has been undertaken for 6-lane elevated corridor from Edapally - Aroor section of NH-66 in Kerala.**
