

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2004  
ANSWERED ON 14<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER, 2023**

**RE-LAYING OF ROAD ON NH-38**

**2004.        SHRIMATI KANIMOZHI KARUNANIDHI:**

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

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

**be pleased to state:**

- (a)    whether the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) has decided to re-lay the road on Palayamkottai-Thoothukudi NH-38, if so, the details thereof;**
- (b)    whether the NHAI is aware of the insufficient infrastructure at the Vagaikulam toll plaza on this highway leading to crowding and delays at the toll plaza;**
- (c)    if so, the details thereof and the measures taken so far to resolve the issue; and**
- (d)    the details regarding funds allocated, utilised and the progress made so far on the repair of Tamirabharani overbridge at Vallanadu?**

**ANSWER**

**THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS**

**(SHRI NITIN JAIRAM GADKARI)**

- (a)    Yes Madam. The periodical renewal work by providing 50mm Dense bituminous macadam (DBM) at selected stretches and 30mm Bituminous Concrete (BC) throughout the length of highway has been awarded and the work is in under implementation stage.**

**(b) & (c) The user fee plaza at Vagaikulam has sufficient infrastructure as per standards and specifications and the user fee collection is done through FASTag toll collection system. On account of certain maintenance issues, traffic congestion was observed, which has been resolved and traffic flow is smooth, at present.**

**(d) The work of Permanent repair, rehabilitation and strengthening of damaged portion of Thamirabarani bridge at Km 38+800 of Tuticorin-Tirunelveli NH-138 has been awarded. The project has physical progress of 70% and scheduled revised completion in January, 2024. The work was awarded at a cost of Rs.13.22 crore and Rs.8.40 crore has been spent so far.**

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