

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1655**  
ANSWERED ON 28<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER, 2019

**ROAD EXPANSION PROJECTS**

1655. SHRI NALIN KUMAR KATEEL:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

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be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the project of four laning of National Highway-66 from Kundapur to Talapady (Kerala Border) has not been taken up as per the scheduled time frame;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether there has been inordinate delay in construction of flyovers at Pumpwell Circle and PUP work at Mahakali temple near Mangaluru;
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government to ensure speedy completion of the work on the above mentioned projects?

**ANSWER**

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

- (a) to (e) The work for 4-laning of NH-66 from Kundapur to Talapady (Kerala Border) in the State of Karnataka has been commenced in September, 2010 and the same has not been completed within scheduled period due to various issues such as delay in land acquisition, GAD approval for ROB, utility shifting, financial crisis with the concessionaire, deletion of bypasses at Mulky and Padubidri due to strong public resistance etc. As on date, 88 km length out of 90.28 km has been completed.

The work of construction of flyovers at Pumpwell Circle was delayed due to objection by Mangalore City Corporation (MCC) and local resistance in respect of structural span as well as due to financial crisis with the concessionaire. The Pedestrian Under Pass (PUP) work near Mahakali temple has been completed in July, 2019.

Several meetings have been conducted at higher level for expeditious completion of the highway project.

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