

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 842**  
ANSWERED ON 21<sup>ST</sup> NOVEMBER, 2019

**HIGHWAY PROJECTS IN KERALA**

842. SHRI N.K. PREMACHANDRAN:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS  
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be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to develop the highways in Kerala and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to give priority to those highway projects for which land is available in Kerala and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government has received reports of accidents in Kollam by-pass and if so, the action taken by the Government to reduce the cases of accidents thereon;
- (d) whether it has come to the notice of the Government that the reason for accident is lack of sufficient width and service roads and if so, the action taken by the Government for development of Kollam by-pass into four-lane;
- (e) whether the Government is aware that land is available for the development of Kollam by-pass and if so, the reasons for delay of development of Kollam by-pass; and
- (f) the time frame set for completion of the said four-laning project?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

(SHRI NITIN JAIRAM GADKARI)

- (a) This Ministry is responsible for development and maintenance of National highways in the country. Development and maintenance of National highways is a continuous process and the same are carried out based on availability of funds, traffic and inter-se priority. An amount of Rs 457 Cr for development and Rs 178 Cr for maintenance of National Highways entrusted with the PWD, Government of Kerala has been allocated during 2019-20. Besides this, NHAI is also undertaking development of NHs through NHDP/Bharatmala Pariyojna.
- (b) As per the current policy, projects have to be viable for execution.
- (c) & (d) There are few media reports/complaints on frequent accidents in Kollam Bypass. The work of 2 laning of Kollam bypass from Km 486/500 to 499/500 has been completed

in January, 2019. Accidents in the bypass are mainly due to over speeding and violation of traffic rules by road user. Necessary safety measures as per IRC guidelines have been executed in the project stretch.

- (e) & (f) 4-laning of Kollam bypass is included in the 4-laning package of NH-66 from start of Kollam bypass to Kadambattukonam to be implemented through NHAI. Even though RoW of 45m is available throughout Kollam bypass, land is to be acquired for the balance stretch from end of Kollam bypass to Kadambattukonam stretch. At present the project is at DPR stage.

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