

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 719
ANSWERED ON 6TH FEBRUARY, 2020

KUTHIRAN TUNNEL PROJECT

719. SHRI T.N. PRATHAPAN:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

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be pleased to state:

- (a) the present status of Kuthiran tunnel project on National Highway 544;
- (b) the present status of construction works on Mannutthy-Vadakkanchery NH-544 which is scheduled to be completed by May, 2020;
- (c) whether one of the twin tunnels didn't open for public and if so, the reasons therefor;
- (d) the details of maintenance works undertaken so far on the said stretch of NH-544; and
- (e) the funds allocated for maintenance since the beginning of project?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

(SHRI NITIN JAIRAM GADKARI)

- (a) & (b) The balance construction works on Mannutthy – Vadakkanchery stretch including Kuthiran tunnel has been resumed. As per the work program submitted by the Concessionaire, it is expected to complete all works by December 2020. However, wild life clearance is awaited.
- (c) As the fire safety and other mandatory works including slope protection work; have not been completed, therefore, one completed tube of tunnel at Kuthiran could not be opened for traffic at present.
- (d) & (e) The maintenance work such as filling the potholes and patches, overlaying on the distressed stretches, shoulder rectification etc. amounting to Rs. 27.89 crore has been carried out.
