

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2981
ANSWERED ON 8TH AUGUST, 2024**

INFRASTRUCTURE DEFICIENCIES IN NH-66

2981. DR. M P ABDUSSAMAD SAMADANI:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

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be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware of the issue of uncontrolled flooding affecting houses and commercial properties caused by inadequate drainage systems during the development of NH-66 in the State of Kerala and if so, the details thereof;**
- (b) whether the Government is aware of the safety concerns of the public due to the construction activities causing cracks in houses and other buildings adjacent to the highway and if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) the details of remedial measures taken to ensure safety and address the grievances of the public; and**
- (d) whether the Government is aware of inadequate underpasses and flyovers on NH-66 necessitating long- distance travel to cross the highway and if so, the details thereof and the remedial measures taken thereon?**

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

(SHRI NITIN JAIRAM GADKARI)

- (a) Widening of NH-66 to 6-lane with Service Road in built -up areas is in progress within limited ROW (45m). Re-location of existing drain during widening of NH depends on availability of land and shifting of existing utilities.**

Delay in these activities has led to delay in construction of drains thereby causing temporary flooding at such locations. However, as per the provision of the contract, the Contractor is responsible for the maintenance of the stretch in traffic worthy condition including de-watering of the flooded reach/locations.

(b) and (c) Suitable measures are made in design and precautions are taken during construction along habituated areas to avoid damages to adjoining houses/buildings. Further, whenever such incidents are reported, contractors have to undertake remedial measures.

(d) Adequate Underpasses / Overpasses/ Flyovers have been provisioned for widening of NH-66 at requisite locations. In a length of 641.6 km, 409 nos. of Underpasses/ Overpasses/ Flyovers have been provisioned.
