

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3955
ANSWERED ON 19TH DECEMBER, 2024**

UNDERPASS ON NH-66

3955. SHRI K SUDHAKARAN:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

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be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received any request from the Member of Parliament (MP) for the construction of an underpass at OKUP School (CH 161 + 340) along NH66 in Kannur, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has taken cognizance of protests by residents and bus operators given that the OKUP School area serves as a critical route for buses operating between Thalassery and Kannur, if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government is aware that the absence of an underpass would force residents on the eastern side to cross NH66 through Oorpazhachi Kavu LUVF, traverse the Chala bypass and navigate two railway tracks to access Nadal bus stop, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether the Government is willing to approve the construction of an underpass at this location to facilitate bus traffic and ease public movement considering the significant inconvenience faced by the public?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

(SHRI NITIN JAIRAM GADKARI)

(a) Yes Sir, a request has been received for construction of a underpass at Ch. 161+340 on NH-66 for movement of school buses.

(b), (c) and (d) Near this location, an Underpass of size 7m x 3m has already been provided at Ch. 160+835 (Oorpazhachi Kavu road) to facilitate cross-movement of vehicle (excluding buses). Since work is in completion stage at the said location, providing Vehicular Underpass at this stage is not feasible.

However, National Highways Authority of India has submitted a solution for bus movement to the State authorities. Further, in order to facilitate pedestrians movement, provision of Foot Over Bridge at this location has been approved.
