

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4040
ANSWERED ON 19TH DECEMBER, 2024**

ISSUES REGARDING NH-66

4040. SHRI KOTA SRINIVASA POOJARY:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

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be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is considering the establishment of a dedicated Office in Udupi to specifically address the issues related to NH-66, considering the growing concerns of local commuters and residents, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government is aware that the current Office in Mangalore handles multiple highways, which hampers the timely resolution of issues related to NH-66 often referred to as the lifeline of the West Coast, running from Kanyakumari to Panvel; and

(c) if so, the action being taken to establish a Regional Office of NHAI in Udupi and ensure more focused and efficient handling of NH 66-related matters?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

(SHRI NITIN JAIRAM GADKARI)

(a) to (c) At present 02 offices/Project Implementation units(PIUs) are established by National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) i.e. PIU-Mangalore and PIU-Honnar under whom falls the stretch of NH-66 in Udupi District. Total length of NH-66 at Udupi district is 106.52 kms, out of which about 65 kms is under PIU-Mangalore and 41 km is under PIU-Honnar. Further, there is no plan to establish a dedicated office at Udupi, considering the stretch under construction / Operation & Maintenance stage.
