

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 648
ANSWERED ON 28TH NOV, 2024**

Upgradation of Kollam-Theni National Highway

648. Shri Kodikunnil Suresh:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

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be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is a proposal to upgrade the Kollam-Theni National Highway to a four-lane highway to enhance connectivity and improve traffic flow;**
- (b) if so, the details of this proposal, including the estimated project cost, the scope of work involved and specific sections earmarked for widening and other improvements;**
- (c) the current status of the project, including any surveys completed, environmental clearances obtained, and approvals secured from relevant authorities;**
- (d) the expected timeline set for each phase of the project, from the initiation of tenders and awarding of contracts to the anticipated construction and completion dates;**
- (e) whether the Government has engaged with local stakeholders, including residents, businesses and local authorities, to address concerns related to land acquisition, environmental impact and road safety during the development process; and**
- (f) the expected benefits of upgrading the Kollam-Theni National Highway to four lanes?**

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

(SHRI NITIN JAIRAM GADKARI)

(a) to (d) No Sir. However, DPR consultants have been appointed for capacity augmentation of the existing 56 km of less than two lane and 92 km of two lane (Total 148 km) out of 215.45 km of Kollam-Kumily section of NH 183 connecting to Theni to minimum NH standard of two lanes with paved shoulder. Alignment is already approved for Kollam (km 0/0) to Anjilimoodu (km 62/100).

(e) Public Consultation meeting involving all stakeholders have been undertaken at various occasions in the office of District Collector Kollam.

(f) The capacity augmentation and improvement in geometric features of alignment have been proposed to improve the road condition and safety for smooth and faster flow of traffic which in turn deliver socio-economic benefits.
