

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2449
ANSWERED ON 13TH MARCH, 2025**

FOBS ON NH-66

2449. 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 severe challenges faced by the residents and commuters in various parts of the Ponnani Lok Sabha constituency due to the ongoing development work on National Highway (NH)-66, particularly in areas such as Puthuponnani, Theyyangad Junction, Chamravattam, Madirasser, Kuttippuram, Kanhippura, Vettichira, Puthanathani, Randathani, Edarikkode, Mele Kozhichena, Venniyur, and Thangalpadi near Kakkad, if so, the details thereof;**
- (b) whether the Government will consider the construction of Foot Over Bridges at critical locations like Randathani Town, Puthuponnani, near B.Ed College and MI School, Theyyangad Junction near Chamravattam, Mele Kozhichena, Thangalpadi near Kakkad and Kazhuthallur near Kuttippuram on NH-66; and**
- (c) if so, the details thereof?**

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

(SHRI NITIN JAIRAM GADKARI)

- (a) Upgradation of NH-66 to six-lane highway with service roads on both sides is being carried out with restricted Right of Way (ROW) of 45 meters acquired in consultation with State Government of Kerala.**

As crossing facilities such as Vehicle Underpasses (VUPs), flyovers are under construction at the specified locations, road users may experience some difficulties during this period. However, appropriate measures for maintenance and regulation of traffic movement have been ensured to minimize the challenges faced by the local residents.

(b) and (c) Due to the restricted Right of Way (ROW) of 45 meters, adequate space for the landing ramp of the Foot Over Bridge (FOB) is not available within the ROW. Furthermore, at certain locations, due to differences in the elevation profiles of the National Highway and service roads, the installation of a Foot Over Bridge (FOB) is not feasible. However, FOB at the specified locations shall be considered if the State Government is willing to provide land for the purpose.
