

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2474
ANSWERED ON 13TH MARCH, 2025**

DEVELOPMENT OF NHS IN TAMIL NADU

2474. SHRI T R BAALU:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

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be pleased to state:

- (a) the time by which the ongoing development project of the Sriperumbudur – Sunguwarchatram - Walajabad stretch of the National Highways (NHs) in Tamil Nadu would be completed;
- (b) the reasons for the inordinate delay in completion of works even after lapse of five years; and
- (c) whether the Government would pay special attention to expedite the work as this highway stretch links several industrial and pilgrimage cities like Vellore, Sriperumbudur, Kancheepuram?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

(SHRI NITIN JAIRAM GADKARI)

(a) to (c) 6-laning project of Poonamallee - Sriperumbudur – Walajahpet was initially taken up on BOT (Toll) and awarded in June 2012 to M/s. Essel. However due to poor progress and other defaults of Concessionaire including maintenance of the existing highway, the Contract was terminated in July 2016. The section of Sriperumbudur-

Walajahpet (part of terminated BOT project) was then taken up in 2 package. The revised scheduled completion date for Karaipettai – Walajapet Stretch is October 2026, whereas the section from Sriperumbudur – Karaipettai is scheduled for completion by 30.04.2025. Government has taken various initiatives for expediting project on National Highways in the country including the state of Tamil Nadu, like streamlining and expediting of land acquisition, revamping Parivesh Portal for forest and environment clearances, online approval of General Arrangement Drawing(GAD) of Road Over Bridge/Road Under Bridge (ROB/RUB) from Railways, review meetings at various levels with all stake holders including State Governments.
