

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4569
ANSWERED ON 27TH MARCH, 2025**

MAINTENANCE OF NH 38

4569. SMT. KANIMOZHI KARUNANIDHI:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

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be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware of the complaints raised regarding the maintenance issues in the Madurai-Thoothukkud stretch of the National Highway (NH)-38;**
- (b) if so, the details regarding the measures taken to resolve them; and**
- (c) the reasons for the poor maintenance of this road by the NHAI?**

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

(SHRI NITIN JAIRAM GADKARI)

(a) to (c) Yes sir. The project was initially awarded to M/s. Madurai-Tuticorin Expressways Ltd. under BOT (Toll). However, due to various defaults of Concessionaire, the contract was terminated on 17.03.2023. After the termination of the contract, the work for overlaying and maintenance of the entire stretch was awarded for Rs. 144.6 crore. So far, overlaying has been completed in a length of 46.3 km, and the remaining work is scheduled to be completed by December 2025.
