GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5427 ANSWERED ON 3RD APRIL, 2025

WILLINGDON ISLAND ROAD CORRIDOR PROJECT

5427. SHRI HIBI EDEN:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

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be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) has taken any steps to designate Nettoor as a converging point for four National Highway corridors, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (b) whether discussions between NHAI, the Naval Base and Cochin Port Authority have successfully resolved land acquisition requirements for the Willingdon Island corridor and whether any further approvals are needed to proceed with construction, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government has finalized the revised alignment and Detailed Project Report (DPR) for the Willingdon Island road corridor project, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) whether NHAI has decided to establish a cloverleaf intersection at Nettoor on NH 66 instead of a trumpet flyover to accommodate the projected traffic from the bypass and three Greenfield National Highways and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

(SHRI NITIN JAIRAM GADKARI)

(a) to (d) The Detailed Project Report (DPR) for the development of the Kundanoor - Angamaly road, part of the Ernakulam Bypass project on NH-

544, is currently in progress. The scope of the DPR includes an alignment study, feasibility study, and pre-construction activities (including land acquisition assessment). As a part of feasibility study, Nettoor is identified as junction point of proposed NH-544, existing NH-966B and NH-66.

The alignment options which includes a cloverleaf intersection at Nettoor is under review in consultation with Defence and Cochin Port Authorities. The decision regarding construction work shall be taken up after the outcome of DPR, fulfillment of the criteria, requirement of connectivity, inter-se priority and synergy with PM Gati Shakti National Master Plan.
