

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3125
ANSWERED ON 07TH AUGUST, 2025**

RESPONSIBILITY OF HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE

3125. SHRI SHAFI PARAMBIL:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

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be pleased to state:

- (a) the division of powers between the States and Union Government in the construction and maintenance of National Highways (NHs) in the country;**
- (b) the total funds allotted for the construction of NH-66 in Kerala;**
- (c) the amount spent by the State Government of Kerala for the construction of above highway; and**
- (d) the role of the State Government of Kerala in the construction and maintenance of above highway in the State?**

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

(SHRI NITIN JAIRAM GADKARI)

(a) to (d) The Government in Ministry of Road Transport & Highways is primarily responsible for development and maintenance of National Highways (NHs). Works for development and maintenance of NHs are taken up through various executing agencies such as National Highways Authority of India (NHAI), National Highways & Infrastructure Development Corporation Limited (NHIDCL), Border Roads Organisation (BRO), Public Works Departments (PWDs) / Road Construction Departments (RCDs) / Corporations of State Governments / Union Territories (UTs).

Additionally, State / UT Governments are responsible for facilitating clearances and approvals, land acquisition, pre-construction activities etc. for expediting timely completion of all NHs projects in the concerned State / UT.

Government has approved works in 632 km length amounting to ₹ 63,111 Crore towards construction of NH-66 in the State of Kerala. Out of this, expenditure of ₹ 40,216 Crore has already been incurred.

State Government of Kerala has not provided any funds for construction of NH-66. However, State Government of Kerala contributed 25% share on Land Acquisition (LA) cost amounting to ₹7,117 Crore for taking up development works on NH-66 in the State of Kerala.
