

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

LOK SABHA

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.589
TO BE ANSWERED ON 03.12.2025**

CONSTRUCTION OF RAILWAY OVERBRIDGES AT NADAL

589. SHRI K SUDHAKARAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware of the long-standing demand of the public for constructing a railway overbridge at Nadal, located along the Kannur–Thalassery National Highway in Kannur and if so, the details thereof;**
- (b) whether the Government is aware that severe traffic congestion occurs for several kilometres on both sides of the railway gates each time it is closed, often until three or four trains have passed and if so, the details thereof; and**
- (c) whether the Government has conducted any inquiry into this matter and if so, the steps taken/being taken by the Government to construct a railway overbridge to ease traffic congestion and provide relief to commuters?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, INFORMATION & BROADCASTING AND
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) to (c): There is a Level Crossing (LC) No. 238 (Nadal Gate Level Crossing) on National Highway (NH) No. 66 at km 743/100-200 in Kozhikkode-Kannur Section of Palakkad Division.

As per the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Ministry of Railway and Ministry of Road Transport and Highways/National Highway Authority of India (MoRTH/NHAI),

MoRTH/NHAI has to replace all LCs on National Highways by ROB/RUBs on single entity basis at their cost.

Railway has already conducted a joint inspection with NHAI and State Authorities. General Arrangement Drawing (GAD) has been approved. Accordingly, the work of construction of 6-lane ROB in lieu of LC No.238 has been taken up by NHAI.

Completion of any ROB/RUB work depends on various factors like, fixing of approach alignment, approval of General Arrangement Drawing (GAD), land acquisition, removal of encroachment, shifting of infringing utilities, statutory clearances from various authorities, law and order situation in the area of project / work sites, number of working months in a year for particular project / work sites due to climatic conditions etc. All these factors affect the completion time of the projects / works.
