

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4557
ANSWERED ON 19TH MARCH, 2026**

NATIONAL HIGHWAYS WORK IN KERALA

4557. SHRI V K SREEKANDAN:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

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be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the State Government of Kerala has made a request to the Union Government to complete the National Highways works in the State of Kerala on time, if so, the details thereof;**
- (b) whether it is also true that defects had been detected on many National Highways projects in the State of Kerala which led to collapse of some part of the National Highways, if so, the details thereof; and**
- (c) whether it is also true that the National Highways Authority of India has decided to review the design and construction of each reinforced soil structure, if so, the details thereof?**

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

(SHRI NITIN JAIRAM GADKARI)

- (a) Yes, Sir. Meetings were held at various levels regarding the progress of National Highway projects in the State of Kerala.**
- (b) In 25 National Highway projects being implemented by National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) in Kerala, a total of 539 flyovers, underpasses and overpasses have been taken up. At a few locations,**

certain incidents such as structural distress or collapse were observed during construction. The concerned contractors are carrying out rectification works at their own cost in accordance with the contractual provisions. The details of such incidents are given in the Annexure.

(c) Yes, Sir. NHAI has engaged eight Geotechnical Investigation Agencies to carry out soil and ground assessments at Reinforced Soil (RS) wall locations across ongoing projects on National Highway No. 66. The exercise is being undertaken under the supervision of domain experts, including IITs. The findings of these investigations are examined by NHAI for appropriate technical measures, wherever required.

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (b) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4557 ANSWERED ON 19th MARCH, 2026 ASKED BY SHRI V K SREEKANDAN REGARDING 'NATIONAL HIGHWAYS WORK IN KERALA'.

Sr. No.	Project Name	Date of incident	Details of collapse/ Soil nailing failures/ any other
1	6L of Azhiyur-Vengalam	01.07.2024 & 13.07.2024	Soil nailing collapse at Km.191(LHS) and Km.193(RHS)
2	6L of Start of Kollam Bypass-Kadambattukonam	28.11.2024	Collapse of scaffolding of Minor Bridge (under construction) at Km.497+37 (RHS) occurred.
		05.12.2025	RS Wall in approach of VUP from Km.504+40 to Km.504+50 (LHS) collapsed
3	6L of Thuravoor-Paravoor	03.03.2025	4 girders of span 17-18 of viaduct fell down on 03.03.2025.
4	6L of Ramanattukara-Valanchery	19.05.2025	Reinforced Soil (RS) Wall in approach of Vehicular Underpass (VUP) from Km.276+80 to Km.277+05 on LHS of the Main Carriageway collapsed.
5	6L of Chengala-Neeleshwaram	16.06.2025	Soil nailing collapse incident occurred at Km.58+035 to Km.58+100 (RHS) on 16.06.2025.
6	6L of Neeleshwaram-Thalipparamba	23.07.2025	Unprotected soil slip occurred in the cut section from Km. 96.030 to Km. 96.100 (LHS) at Veeramala Kunnu, Kasaragod District.
7	6-lane Elevated Highway Aroor-Thuravoor	13.11.2025	2 girders of Span 202-203 fell down during their final placement.
