

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4600  
ANSWERED ON 19<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2026**

**RECONSTRUCTION OF VALACODE BRIDGE**

**4600. SHRI N K PREMACHANDRAN:**

**Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS**

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**be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has initiated any action for the removal of the black spot at Valacode in Kollam Lok Sabha Constituency, if so, the details of action taken thereon;**
- (b) whether the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) has initiated any action for the reconstruction of the Valacode bridge, if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) whether NHAI has initiated any action to obtain permission from the Railways to start development of the National Highway at Valacode and for construction over the existing bridge, if so, the details thereof;**
- (d) whether the Railways have considered the request of NHAI for granting permission for construction over the Valacode bridge and for related development activities;**
- (e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and**
- (f) whether the Railways have initiated action to grant such permission in a time-bound manner and if so, the details thereof?**

**ANSWER**

**THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS**

**(SHRI NITIN JAIRAM GADKARI)**

**(a) to (f) An estimate amounting to Rs. 3.57 Crore has been sanctioned for widening of National Highway at Valacod, including approaches to the existing box structure at the railway crossing. The proposal requires permission from the Railways, which has been taken up by the National Highways Authority of India and is under process.**

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