

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

**LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 266
ANSWERED ON 6TH AUGUST, 2026**

**UPPGRADATION OF EXISTING ROADS AS NATIONAL HIGHWAYS IN
KERALA**

***266. SHRI KODIKUNNIL SURESH:**

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

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be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of proposals for declaration of new National Highways and upgradation of existing roads as National Highways received from the State Government of Kerala during the last five years, proposal-wise;**
- (b) the present status of each proposal indicating whether approved, under examination, returned for clarification or rejected along with the reasons therefor;**
- (c) whether the Ministry has examined the report submitted by the State Government of Kerala regarding new National Highway proposals in the State and if so, the details of the decisions taken thereon;**
- (d) the criteria adopted by the Government for declaring new National Highways and the extent to which the proposals submitted by the State Government of Kerala satisfy these criteria; and**
- (e) the timeline proposed for taking a final decision on the pending National Highway proposals submitted by the State Government of Kerala?**

**ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
(SHRI NITIN JAIRAM GADKARI)**

(a) to (e) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 266 ANSWERED ON 6TH AUGUST, 2026 ASKED BY SHRI KODIKUNNIL SURESH REGARDING 'UPPGRADATION OF EXISTING ROADS AS NATIONAL HIGHWAYS IN KERALA':

(a) to (e) The Government in Ministry of Road Transport and Highways receives proposals from State Governments and Union Territory Administrations including the State of Kerala from time to time for declaration of State roads, as new National Highways.

State roads are declared as National Highways (NHs) from time to time on the basis of well-established broad principles, including: -

- i. Connecting adjacent countries, National Capital with State Capitals / one State Capital to another State Capital, major ports and ports prioritised for development by the Ministry of Ports, Shipping & Waterways, large industrial centers or tourist centers.**
- ii. Roads having important strategic requirements.**
- iii. Arterial roads which enable sizeable reduction in travel distance and achieve substantial economic growth.**
- iv. Roads which help in opening up large tracts of backward area and hilly region.**
- v. Synergy with PM Gati Shakti National Master Plan (NMP).**

Length of NH network in the State of Kerala is about 1,858 km at present. Government has notified 76 km of State Roads / greenfield stretches as NHs in the State of Kerala during the last five years and current year. The Government has received a list of 27 State Roads for declaration as National Highway, from the State Government of Kerala during the last five years. However, currently these are not under consideration.

Besides there are 10 Greenfield projects envisaged for implementation by the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI), which will form part of the NH network in the State on their approval. Details of Greenfield projects are at Annexure.

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Sr. No	District	Name of Project	Type of Work (Widening/ Bypass/ Flyover etc.)
1	Thiruvananthapuram	Thiruvananthapuram ORR	Greenfield National Highway
2	Ernakulam	Cochin Outer Ring Road (Angamaly - Aroor)	Greenfield National Highway
3	Kollam & Thiruvananthapuram	Kollam Shenkottah Greenfield Project NH 744	Greenfield National Highway
4	Palakkad, Malappuram & Kozhikode	Palakkad - Kozhikode Greenfield Highway	Greenfield National Highway
5	Ernakulam	Willingdon Island - Aroor	Greenfield Highway
6	Kannur	Azhikkal Port to NH 66	Port Connectivity
7	Ernakulam	Kothamangalam & Muvattupuzha Bypass	Standalone bypass
8	Kollam	Punalur Bypass	Standalone bypass
9	Kozhikode	Calicut Airport connectivity to NH 66/NH 966	Airport Connectivity
10	Kannur	Kannur Airport connectivity to NH 66	Airport Connectivity
