

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1960
ANSWERED ON 30TH JULY, 2026**

ERNAKULAM BYPASS PROJECT

1960. SHRI HIBI EDEN:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

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be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has identified and implemented specific measures to expedite the Ernakulam Bypass project, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether the Government is aware that the commencement of work on the Ernakulam Bypass is facing uncertainty, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government has assessed the impact of these delays on the overall timeline of the Ernakulam Bypass project, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) whether the Government has undertaken or proposes to undertake a detailed review of the alignment of the Ernakulam Bypass particularly with regard to ensuring seamless connectivity to Cochin International Airport at the starting point and minimizing the impact on densely populated habitations near Kundanoor at the end, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (d) The project for Ernakulam Bypass was initially proposed to start from NH-544 at Angamaly and terminate at Nettoor on NH-66.

The alignment of the project was considered by Alignment Appraisal Committee (AAC) and certain modifications were advised. The revised alignment (49.5 Km.) proposal avoiding major builtup areas including Kudanoor was considered and approved by AAC in June, 2026. Modified alignment of this bypass starts near Kochi Airport and connect to Aroor – Thuravoor Elevated Corridor on NH 66.

The further process of Detailed Project Report (DPR) after the alignment finalisation has been taken up, upon completion of which, the appraisal and approval shall be initiated depending upon traffic density, techno-economic feasibility and synergy with priority of PM Gati-Shakti.
