

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1981
ANSWERED ON 30TH JULY, 2026**

SAFETY IMPROVEMENT WORKS ON NHs IN DHARMAPURI

1981. SHRI MANI A:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री
be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has undertaken any assessment of the condition, traffic density and safety standards on National Highways passing through Dharmapuri district of Tamil Nadu during the last five years and if so, the details thereof, highway-wise;

(b) whether the assessment has identified stretches prone to frequent road accidents, traffic congestion, poor pavement condition, inadequate lighting, unsafe junctions, damaged bridges or lack of pedestrian and road safety infrastructure and if so, the corrective measures taken or proposed thereon;

(c) the details of funds sanctioned, allocated and utilised for maintenance, widening, strengthening and safety improvement works on National Highways in Dharmapuri district during the last three years; and

(d) whether the Government proposes to undertake any new projects to improve road capacity, commuter safety and connectivity in Dharmapuri district and if so, the details and timeline thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a) There are two National Highways (NHs), NH-44 and NH-844, pass through Dharmapuri District in the State of Tamil Nadu. To assess the condition of highways, National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) has carried out Network Survey Vehicle (NSV) Survey, Road Safety Audit and Traffic Survey. The details are at Annexure-I.

(b) The details of safety improvement works on NHs in Dharmapuri district are at Annexure-II.

(c) The details of funds approved and utilized for NH works in Dharmapuri district in Tamil Nadu State during the last three years are at Annexure-III.

(d) The Concession Period for the Krishnagiri–Thumbipadi section of NH-44 ends on 23.08.2026. Detailed Project Report (DPR) for capacity augmentation of the section shall be initiated after preliminary assessment.

ANNEXURE-I

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1981 ANSWERED ON 30TH JULY, 2026 ASKED BY SHRI MANI A REGARDING 'SAFETY IMPROVEMENT WORKS ON NHs IN DHARMAPURI'.

Status of National Highway stretches passing through Dharmapuri District in the State of Tamil Nadu

SIN	NH No.	Name of the stretch	Total Length (in Km)	Contractor/Concessionaire	Mode of implementation	Start / Appointment Date	Scheduled Completion Date	Actual / Likely Completion Date	Stretch passing through Dharmapuri District & length (Km)	Traffic Density (P.C.U/day)	Lane Configuration of the stretch	Condition of the road	Latest Road Safety Audit conducted on	No. of Black Spots identified in the stretch	No. of Black Spots for which permanent rectification completed	Black Spots rectification works in progress (Nos.)	Balance to be taken up (Nos.)
1	44	Krishnagiri - Thumbipadi section of NH-44 from Km 94+000 to Km 180+000	86.0	M/s. Larsen and Toubro Ltd	BOT (Toll)	17.07.2006	16.01.2009	Completed on 06.02.2009	50.4 Km (from Km.113+0 to Km.163+4)	66362	4-Lane	Good	12.11.2025	20	5	13	2 (Estimate under preparation)
2	84	Thorapalli Agraharam - Jittandahalli section of NH-844 from Km 23+350 to Km 60+100 (Pkg-II)	36.8	M/s. Sunway RNS TJ Pvt. Ltd.	HAM	07.12.2021	06.12.2023	PCC for 26.55 Km issued on 01.11.2024. Balance work is likely to be completed by 31.12.2026	6.6 Km (from Km .53+5 to Km .60+1)	21508	4-Lane	Good	25.07.2026	-	-	-	-
		Jittandahalli - Dharmapuri section of NH-844 from Km 60+100 to Km 94+460 (Pkg-III)	34.4	M/s. Dineshchandra RAGrawal Infrastructure Private Limited	HAM	22.08.2021	21.08.2023	Completed on 30.03.2024	34.4 Km (from Km.60+1 to Km.94+46)		4-Lane	Good	29.05.2026	-	-	-	-

ANNEXURE-II

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1. Pavement Condition Assessment:

(i) Krishnagiri - Thumbipadi section of NH-44

The condition of road stretch is good. This project is under BOT (Toll) mode, and the Concession Period is ending on 23.08.2026. The rectification works such as installation of missing signages, raising height of drain covers, etc. are in progress by Concessionaire and shall complete the entire work before handing over the project road to NHAI on completion of the concession period.

In addition, to ensure the safety of the road users in Thoppur Ghat Section, realignment of the stretch from Km.158+500 to Km.165+100, including construction of 3.7 Km 6-lane Elevated Corridor, has been taken up at a cost of Rs.905 Cr. Work was commenced on 21.03.2025 and 45% progress is achieved as on 30.06.2026. The project is scheduled to be completed by March, 2028.

(ii) Thorappalli Agraharam-Jittandahalli Section of NH-844 (Package-II)

Out of total length of 36.8 Km, Provisional Completion Certificate (PCC) for 26.6 Km was issued on 01.11.2024. As on date, 35 Km has been completed. Balance work mainly includes 1 Km length passing through Sanamavu Reserve Forest Area, for which permission has been received only in December, 2025. The work including 260 m Elephant Underpass in the Forest Area, is in progress and expected to be completed by 31.12.2026. The condition of the completed stretch is good.

(iii) Jittandhalli-Dharmapuri Section of NH-844 (Package-III)

This project (34.4 Km) was completed in March, 2024 and the condition of the road is good.

2. Road Lighting:

Lighting is generally provided in built-up areas, at Major junctions and near structures to enhance road safety.

3. Bridge Inspection:

Periodic inspections of bridges have been carried out to ensure their structural integrity and continued traffic worthiness.

4. Blackspot rectification measures:

As part of the permanent rectification measures to eliminate accident-prone locations identified as Black Spots, appropriate safety measures such as crossing structures, service roads, and Foot Over Bridges (FOBs) have been provided to enhance the safety of road users.

ANNEXURE-III

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Details of funds approved and utilized for various NH works in Dharmapuri District in the State of Tamil Nadu during the last three years

S l. N o .	Name of the work	Total Length through District (Km)	Length passing through District (Km)	Total approved Cost (Rs. Cr.)	Proportionate Cost of works falling in District	Expenditure incurred during the year (Rs. in Cr.)				
						2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27 (upto 30.06.2026)	Total
Widening and Strengthening works										
1	Four laning of Thorapalli Agraharam to Jittandahalli section of NH-844 (PKG-II) from Km.23/350 to Km.60/100	36.7	6.6	1243.6	223.3	30.3	13.9	25.0	16.4	85.6
2	Four laning of Jittandahalli to Dharmapuri section of NH-844 (PKG-III) from Km.60/100 to Km.94/460	34.4	34.4	1539.5	1539.5	273.0	157.4	124.9	30.5	585.8
3	Improving the Alignment of Thoppur Ghat Section from Km 158+500 to 165+100 in Krishnagiri- Thumbipadi Section of NH-44	6.6	5.0	905.3	685.8	-	33.0	92.1	34.0	159.0
	Total (A)	77.7	46.0	3688.4	2448.7	303.3	204.2	242.0	80.8	830.4
Black Spot Elimination and One Time Improvement Work										
4	Rectification of Black Spots at 13 locations in Krishnagiri - Thumbipadi section of NH-44.	8.1	6.8	155.5	147.2	0.0	0.0	7.5	13.9	21.4
	Total (B)	8.1	6.8	155.5	147.2	0.0	0.0	7.5	13.9	21.4
	Total (A+B)	85.8	52.8	3843.9	2595.9	303.3	204.2	249.5	94.7	851.7
