

Seventeenth Loksabha

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Title: Request to expedite the pending work of construction of six lane NH-544 of Mannuthi-Vadakkanchui section in Kerala.

SHRI T. N. PRATHAPAN (THRISSUR): Mr. Chairman, Sir, NH-544 which connects Mannuthi and Vadakkancheri is the first six-lane National Highway project in Kerala. About 28 km. long road is almost complete after 10 years of constructions. One of the two tunnels has already been opened and the other tunnel will be opened soon. But there are many issues in the maintenance of this road and it causes many accidents in this area. In the past four months alone, around a dozen accidents have happened in this stretch of the road. Many people have lost their lives in such accidents. A lot of complaints have been made to the authorities by the people of the area highlighting the lack of maintenance of this road. People who live in this area have sacrificed their land and properties for the construction of this road. In Panancheri Panchayat the service road has not yet been constructed. At the time of land acquisition for this project, Panancheri Panchyat gave more land for this project. The construction of underpasses at Mudikkodu junction, Kallidukku and Mulaiyam has not even started. Vaniyampara and Kannampara underpasses are also very important. Some of these projects have been sanctioned and they remain only on paper.

So, I request the Government to consider these issues pending in NH-544 of Mannuthi-Vadakkancheri to ease the lives of people who sacrificed a lot for the development of this stretch of the National Highway.