

Seventeenth Loksabha

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Title: Regarding allocation of adequate funds for NH projects in Kanyakumari Parliamentary Constituency-laid.

SHRI VIJAYKUMAR ALIAS VIJAY VASANTH (KANYAKUMARI): During the last few weeks, normal life in Tamil Nadu was affected owing to heavy spells of Northeast Monsoon. So far, the State has received 55% excess rainfall. Delta region and Kanniyakumari district were severely affected.

The present status of construction, expansion and repair of NH works in respect of the Nagercoil Division of National Highways, more particularly, the below mentioned projects of NH-47B falling under my Kanniyakumari Lok Sabha Constituency, Tamil Nadu are progressing very slowly due to inadequate allocation of funds. This has also led to cost escalation and hardship to public. Particularly on this road NH 47B, due to many black spots, lots of accidents occurred and many have been injured, few of them lost their lives. The projects are:

- (i) Elimination of Black Spot in km 12/6 — 13/0 (Thovalai Puthoour) of NH 47B, Tamil Nadu Black Spot ID No. TN-(02)-00.
- ii) Rectification of Black Spot in km 5/8 to 6/4 Black spot ID No. TN-(02)-08 (Therekalputhur) of NH 47-B (New No.944)
- iii) Rectification of Black Spot in km 0/4 to 2/0 (Krishnankovilo Kattayanvilai of NH 47-B (New No.944)
- iv) Repair and restoration of NH47B from Kalyakavilai to Nagercoil.

I have submitted a memorandum to the Central Team which recently visited Kanyakumari District for seeking funds as immediate relief from the Centre to execute restoration works and also urged the need for devising suitable strategies to tackle any further flood during monsoon seasons in the district.

I shall, therefore, humbly urge upon hon'ble Minister of Road Transport and Highways to kindly allocate adequate funds and expedite the projects.