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Title: Need to reconstruct K C Bridge in Alappuzha district of Kerala - Laid

SHRI KODIKUNNIL SURESH (MAVELIKKARA): K C Bridge in Kidangara - Kannadi Road in Alappuzha District, connecting Kuttanad to Alleppy built across sub canal of river Pamba, is in a dilapidated condition. The bridge was built considering short term traffic forecasts and it is unable to meet the increased vehicular traffic and turns out to be narrow & congested. Due to the deck slab being built short and narrow box culvert design, the bridge is narrow for transportation of large boats & houseboats. Aleppy — Changanasherri boat service is consequentially blocked & hinders Aleppy Changanasherri backwater tourism development. During the last two floods, evacuation efforts were difficult as boats couldn't sail across the narrow K.C. Bridge. The national waterways operate in Alappuzha Changanasserri and Kerala State PWD sought permission to reconstruct KC Bridge and permission has not yet been granted. I urge that permissions be granted immediately and KC Bridge rebuilt with increased width to facilitate easy transport and development of backwater tourism.