

Seventeenth Loksabha

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Title: Request the Central Government to take action against early completion of the construction work of National Highway No. 544 project from Mammuthy-Vadakkencherry in Kerala.

SHRI T. N. PRATHAPAN (THRISSUR): Hon. Chairperson, Sir, the Mannuthy-Vadakkencherry, the National Highway No. 544, is the first ever six-lane highway project in Kerala. For the last 10 years, the construction work of the said project has been unfinished.

Sir, this is the gateway of Kerala. Most of the work is being carried out unscientifically. Proper maintenance is also not being done here. So far, 244 deaths happened on this road. Traffic snarls of six to seven hours is a regular thing. The Concessionaire and the National Highways Authority of India are indulging in foul play in this project. The Central Government should take action in this regard.

I would like to request the Central Government to take action on this issue and complete the work. As an urgent step, one tunnel in Kuthiran should be opened immediately. A very crucial action from the hon. Minister of Road Transport and Highways, Shri Nitin Gadkari Ji, is required in this matter. Thank you, Sir.