

pan>

Title: Need to allocate additional funds to strengthen and improvement of the Kanniya-Kumari-Cochin-Salem section of NH-47.

SHRI VIJAYKUMAR ALIAS VIJAY VASANTH (KANNIYAKUMARI): Sir, I thank you for giving me this opportunity.

The proposal for strengthening and improvement of the existing carriageway of the Kanniyakumari-Cochin-Salem section of NH-47 was sanctioned in 2017-18. However, the progress of this NH is unduly delayed due to various reasons. This is an important National Highway connecting the States of Tamil Nadu and Kerala. It is used by the visiting domestic and international tourists to both the States.

Presently, this NH is lying in a very dilapidated condition with a lot of potholes due to monsoon rains and non-execution of any work since 2017. Since 2019 to 29th December, 2021, about 3700 fatal and non-fatal accidents have occurred.

In order to save the lives of the public, I humbly request your goodself to kindly allocate additional funds of Rs. 16 crore to strengthening and improvement of the Kanniyakumari – Cochin - Salem section on a war-footing.