

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2433
ANSWERED ON 03rd AUGUST 2023**

BLACK SPOTS

**2433. ADV. ADOOR PRAKASH:
 MS. S. JOTHIMANI:**

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

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be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) has identified the 'black spots' which are accident prone places on National Highways in Kerala and if so, the details thereof;**
- (b) whether NHAI has taken a decision to provide financial assistance up to Rs. 25 lakhs for the safety measures in such places and if so, the details thereof and the plan prepared for completion of works;**
- (c) the details of places selected and the present status of works;**
- (d) the details of the steps taken to construct VUPs at Manmangalam (Salem division), Kodankipatti and Veerarakkiyam; and**
- (e) the reasons for the delay in approval of these projects and current status of these proposals?**

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
(SHRI NITIN JAIRAM GADKARI)**

- (a) Ministry of Road, Transport and Highways (MoRTH) has identified 371 black spots on National Highways (NHs) vested with National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) in the State of Kerala.**

(b) Regional Officers (ROs), NHAI have been delegated financial power of Rs. 50 crore per black spot for rectification of black spots through long term measures. Project Directors (PDs) of NHAI have been delegated financial power of Rs. 25 lakhs per black spot for rectification of identified black spots through short term measures.

(c) Out of 371 black spots identified, NHAI has rectified 57 black spots and rectification for 157 black spots has been taken up.

(d)&(e) Construction of vehicular underpasses (VUPs) at Veerarakiyam (km 203.350), Kodangipatti (km 215.100) and Manmangalam (km 288.450) has been approved.
