

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1666
ANSWERED ON:13.03.2002
EAST COAST ROAD
A.K. MOORTHY

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to allot more funds for the development of East Coast Road which connects all important ports in Tamil Nadu; and

(b) if so, the amount earmarked for the development of this road?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) (MAJOR GENERAL (RETD.)
KHANDURI, AVSM)

(a)&(b) : East Coast Road in Tamil Nadu connects Chennai and Tuticorin passing through Pondicherry, Cuddalore and Nagapattinam. The portion from Pondicherry to Nagapattinam has been declared as National Highway No.45A in January 1999, and improvement works amounting to Rs.15.85 crore have since been sanctioned on this NH. Four works costing Rs.12 crore have been included in Annual Plan 2002-03 for improvement of this portion of East Coast Road (NH-45A). The remaining portion of East Coast road is under the purview of the State Government.