

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1415
ANSWERED ON:10.12.2003
DEVELOPMENT OF NH-47
V.S. SIVAKUMAR

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to take up the project proposal for the development of 200 KM stretch from Cherthala to Kanyakumari of NH-47 into four lane with the financial assistance from foreign funding agency or budgetary resources;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the agency to which the feasibility study has been entrusted by the Government;
- (c) whether the Union Government proposes to develop Thiruvananthapuram-Kanyakumari stretch of NH-47 as Model Road;
- (d) if so, the details of financial sanction proposed to be provided for the said development;
- (e) the time by when the land acquisition for the Tellicheri-Mahi NH by-pass corridor is likely to be done;
- (f) the time frame decided for the completion of the project;
- (g) whether there is also a proposal to link Thiruvananthapuram with Thirunelveli through Kattakkada Kottur-Ambasamudram in order to provide connectivity with Tuticorin; and
- (h) if so, the details in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI PON. RADHAKIRISHNAN)

- (a) & (b) : At present, there is no firm proposal for four laning of the stretch from Cherthala to Kanyakumari of NH-47.
- (c) : There is no such proposal.
- (d) : Does not arise.
- (e) : Total length of Tellicheri-Mahi bypass on NH-17 is 18.031 km. Land acquisition for 9 km has been completed. Land acquisition in balance reach has not yet been taken up.
- (f) : It is premature to indicate the time frame for the completion of the project;
- (g) : No, Sir.
- (h) : Does not arise.