

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

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WIDENING OF NH-17
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Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the NH-17 is insufficiently narrow in several segments including the portion from Kozhikode to Sasargode;
- (b) if so, the steps taken to widen the NH-17; and
- (c) the time-frame for the completion of the project?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K. H. MUNIYAPPA)

(a) : NH-17 has a total length of 1333 km, out of which an aggregate length of 144 km is of less than 2-lane carriageway width.

The Kozhikode - Sasargode (Kasargode) Section of NH-17 in Kerala having a length of 195 km is already of 2-lane width except for one km length (km 181/0 to 182/0), which has a carriageway width of 5.5m. Two-lane standard carriageway width of seven m is considered adequate for traffic up to about 15000 Passenger Car Units (PCU).

(b) & (c) : Out of 144 km of NH-17, which is less than 2 lane carriageway width, 107km is already included for widening to 4 lane under National Highways Development Project (NHDP) Phase-III which is targeted for completion in December, 2009. The work of widening to 2 lanes in a total length of 46 km has been sanctioned and taken up with completion scheduled in December 2006. This 46 km length includes 23 km stretch in Kerala, which is also included under NHDP Phase-III (107km).