

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

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DEVELOPMENT OF NEW NHs AND BY-PASS ROADS
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Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to construct new National Highways/By-pass roads to reduce road congestion in the country including Kannur, Kozhikode and Kasargode districts of Kerala;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to devise strategy for a permanent solution to strengthen the NH-17 and NH-47 roads in Kerala which are always getting damaged due to heavy rains in Kerala; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI JITIN PRASADA)

(a) and (b) Yes Madam. The expansion of National Highways (NHs) network is done from time to time depending upon the requirement of connectivity, availability of funds and inter-se priority based upon the proposals received from the State Governments to declare state roads as new NHs. As per the laid down guiding principles it is advisable to by-pass the built-up area staying well clear of the limits upto which the town or village is anticipated to grow in future for reducing traffic hazards and congestion. Generally this aspect is duly considered while planning National Expressways or during widening of National Highways. The details of cities/towns being by-passed in Kerala is Annexed.

(c) and (d) Yes Madam. Stretches of NH-47 and NH-17 in Kerala are identified for development under Phase-II/Phase-III of NHDP. Two stretches of NH-47 viz Angamali to Thrissur and Vadakkancherry to Thrissur are under implementation. Strengthening/Renewal/Maintenance of stretches of NH-17 & NH-47 are being carried out by the concessionaire where the 4/6 laning projects are under implementation under NHDP through NHAI and the remaining stretches are being maintained in traffic worthy condition through the State PWD under budget funds.