

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:7137
ANSWERED ON:21.05.2012
WIDENING OF NH C
Rao Shri Sambasiva Rayapati

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to widen National Highway (NH) 45C;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether some portions of old Siva Temple will be lost due to widening of the said highway; and
- (d) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

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

a) & b) Yes, Madam. The stretch from km 0.000 to km 164.614 Vikkravandi to Thanjavur section of NH-45C was taken under National Highway Development Project (NHDP) Phase-IV on BOT (Toll) mode. Four laning from km 0.000 to km 93.500 and 2 lane with paved shoulder from km 93.500 to km 164.614 is proposed. Cabinet Committee on Infrastructure (CCI) has approved the project.

c) & d) Yes, Madam. Old Shiva temple abutting the existing road is located on Left Hand Side at km 1.000. Nearly 1200 Sq. m area is getting affected due to the widening of the road. Considering the requests received for saving the temple, Detailed Project Report (DPR) Consultant has been requested to study the feasibility of the same.