

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2665  
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FOUR LANING OF B.C. ROAD-SURATHKAL  
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**Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether four-laning of National Highway stretch from B.C. Road to Surathkal in Karnataka is going at a very slow pace;
- (b) if so, the reasons thereof;
- (c) whether any time-frame has been fixed in this regard and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to upgrade the Hassan-B.C. Road into National Highway; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the time by which it is likely to be upgraded?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI SARVEY SATHYANARAYANA)

(a) to (c) The four laning of 16.87 km out of 17.02 km on NH-17 (New NH-66), 16.67 km out of 17.00 km on NH-48 (New NH-73) and 2.86 km out of 3.20 km on NH-13 (New NH-169), has already been completed. The project has been delayed due to various reasons. There were 8 writ petitions against the land acquisition for a very small stretch of 53 m near Nantoor junction/service road of Kottara flyover on NH-17 (New NH-66), 7 writ petitions against the land acquisition for 75m stretch on NH-48 (New NH-73) and 12 court cases against land acquisition for 3.20 Km stretch on NH-13 (New NH-169) in the Hon'ble Supreme Court and Hon'ble High Court, which have now been disposed by the Hon'ble Courts. There was also delay in land acquisition and in shifting of utilities on the part of Mangalore City Corporation and lot of resistance for construction of Toll plaza at National Institute of Technology Karnataka (NITK), Surathkal by the local people are also causing delay. No work in a stretch of 600m near Brahmara Kotlu temple was being permitted by local people due to resistance for shifting of temple. The construction of road work including 2 Minor bridges on both side and one Toll plaza was also stopped. The matter was brought to the notice of the State Government of Karnataka and it has now been decided to leave the stretch as 2- lane only for a length of about 200 m. The relocation and rehabilitation of six numbers of families at Nantoor junction also took a lot of time. Further, after recently concluded court cases, the work of Maroli flyover has been taken up after dismantling of structures. There was also delay of about 3 years in shifting of 33KV underground Cable for a length of 2.20 km. The target date for completion of the balance work is 31st December 2012.

(d) to (e) Final Feasibility Report for upgradation of the Hassan-B.C. Road into National Highway has already been submitted by the Consultant. Likely date for completion of upgradation is June, 2016.