

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1046  
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CONSTRUCTION OF BYE PASS ON NH  
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**Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has any proposal to construct bye-pass on NH-85, Kochi-Thondi Road (Old NH-49-Kochi-Madurai) at Muvattupuzha and Kothamangalam;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon; and
- (c) the reasons for not developing NH- 85 road stretch within the State of Kerala?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI KRISHANPAL GURJAR)

(a)&(b) The provision for feasibility study/detailed engineering and Land acquisition for construction of Muvattupuzha bye- pass on NH 85 (Old NH 49) in Kerala is made in the current Annual Plan 2014-15. Presently, there is no proposal for construction of Kothamangalam bypass on NH 85 in Kerala.

(c) Out of 167 km total length of NH 85 in Kerala, the improvement works in 122 km at the estimated cost of Rs 56.98 crore have been sanctioned by the Ministry during the last three years. Out of which the improvement works on 104 km has been completed. Besides, four bridge works at an estimated cost of Rs 27.63 crores have been sanctioned and are in different stages of progress. In addition, the provision for development of 41 km existing single lane stretch (Bodimettu- Munnar section in Kerala) to two lane with paved shoulders at the estimated cost of Rs 170 crore is made in the current Annual Plan 2014-15.