

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

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NH IN KERALA

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

- (a) whether the quality of work on the National Highways (NHs) in Kerala is sub-standard, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government has evolved any mechanism to inspect the quality of work on NHs in the State, if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether there is any proposal to declare more State highways as National Highways including Kerala along with the number of NHs in Kerala as on date;
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with the number of pending/ongoing projects for widening and construction of NHs in Kerala; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government to develop NH in Kerala?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI PON. RADHAKRISHNAN)

(a)&(b) Construction of National Highways(NHs) including NHs of Kerala are regularly inspected and tested for quality of construction by the supervision/independent consultants, quality auditors and officers of the implementing agencies namely, National Highways Authority of India, State Public Works Departments, and Border Roads Organisation including officers of the Ministry. To ensure the quality and road safety in various road projects, a process of monitoring of National Highway projects through National Project Monitors (NPMs) has also been initiated recently.

(c)&(d) There is no proposal to declare more State Highways as National Highways in the country including Kerala at present. Two new National Highway NH 185 and NH 183A in Kerala have been declared vide Gazette Notification dated 4.3.2014. There are 11 National Highways in Kerala including the newly declared NH having a total length of 1812km. 42 No. of public funded projects for development and maintenance of various National Highways in Kerala costing Rs. 256.64 crore are in various stages of progress and 8no. of works costing Rs 591.23crore are under award. Besides, 4 laning of NH 47(54km) from Walayar to Vadamancherry and 6 laning from Vadamancherry to Thrissur (28.35km) have been awarded on Built, Operate and Transfer(BOT) basis.

(e) On the proactive initiative of this Ministry, vide letter dated 07.07.2014 from Honble Minister(RT&H,S) in reply vide letter dated 30.10.2014 from Honble Chief Minister, Kerala, the State Govt. is kind enough to agree to requisite minimum 45m ROW essential for safety of traffic for upgradation of NHs to four lane in Kerala. However, to monitor and resolve the land acquisition issue, the Govt. of Kerala has constituted a committee headed by Chief Secretary, Kerala.