

Title: Need to clear the project of the Government of Kerala for construction of Tellicherry-Mahe Bypass on N.H. -17 - Laid.Need to clear the project of the Government of Kerala for construction of Tellicherry-Mahe Bypass on N.H.-17- Laid.

PROF. A.K. PREMAJAM (BADAGARA) : The Government of Kerala has submitted a project for the construction of Tellicherry – Mahe Bypass for NH 17 at an estimated cost of Rs. 37.10 crores. The project includes the construction of two bridges namely Dharmadam and Anjarakandy. But on the basis of the feasibility study report regarding the execution of the Project under BOT (Build Operate & Transfer) Scheme, the Government of India have kept this project in abeyance. In this connection, I submit that the Dharmadam Bridge on NH 17 is more than 60 years old and is in a very dilapidated condition. As the bridge is on NH, the pressure of traffic, especially from heavy vehicles is very high. After the Kadalundy Rail Bridge tragedy, Dharmadam Bridge has become a nightmare for the people. As the bridge falls within my constituency, I have brought this situation to the notice of the Government of India several times. So, I once again urge especially the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways to take up the construction or rehabilitation of this bridge as a separate project at the earliest.