

Title: Need for construction of a Coastal Express Highway from Kanyakumari to Mumbai *via* Trivandrum, Cochin, Calicut, Mangalore and Goa.

SHRI P.C. THOMAS (MUVATTUPUZHA): There should be a Coastal Express Highway from Kanyakumari to Mumbai *via* Trivandrum, Cochin, Calicut, Mangalore and Goa. This will connect important ports and major cities. The Parliamentary Standing Committee on Surface Transport has also made this recommendation. This will be a major development for India. The Golden Quadrilateral should have included this scheme. However, this highway should be treated at par with golden quadrilateral and should be taken up without delay. I request the Government to take immediate positive action in this regard.

15.18 hrs.