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Title: Need to expedite the construction of bye-pass road on the proposed National Highway No. 49 from Kundanoor to Puthencruz in Kerala.

SHRI CHARLES DIAS (NOMINATED): National Highway No. 49 which is proposed between Cochin and Madurai is a very beneficial project to lakhs of people of both the States of Kerala and Tamil Nadu. The starting point of this Highway in Kerala is Cochin and there is a bye-pass proposed from Kundanoor at Cochin to Puthencruz, which extends upto 10 Kilometers only. But the importance of this bye-pass is the benefits that it gives to reduce the congestion in Cochin and adjoining areas.

The bye-pass is proposed to start from Kundanoor and to pass through Mattakuzhi, Tripunithura and extends up to Puthencruz covering only ten Kilometers. It is learnt that, already in some areas the survey has been done and land is marked for this project. But the process is very slow and people are anxious about the alignment and their land as well as that when this project will be completed. People of these areas are in difficulty because of the lack of road facility towards the eastern part of Ernakulam district as thousands of people are working in Cochin city and besides trouble to reach their work spots, much time and money are wasted. I would, therefore, urge the Government to take urgent necessary measures to complete the bye-pass at the earliest and to extend the Highway upto Madurai in the near future.