

Title: Need to construct 2 lane bypass on NH 47 between Thuravoor to Kallyikkavila in Kerala.

*SHRI K.C. VENUGOPAL (ALAPPUZHA): I would like to bring a significant issue to the notice of the House regarding Alappuzha bypass project, a dream project of Alappuzha district started in 1980's. The second phase of this project was completed on 30 June, 2008. It includes completion of 2502 metre road out of total 7005 metre proposed road project and the completion of two Railway Over Bridges. At the same time the remaining land needed for the said project has not been acquired yet on the Alappuzha beach side. The NHA needs land which is 1040 metre long and 45 metre wide on the Alappuzha beach side for the four laning project of NH 47 from Thuravoor to Kaliyikkavila. The land, if acquired, will destroy the natural beauty of the historically renowned Alappuzha beach. This is the only area of entertainment for the public in Alappuzha. As a special case, it is better to build the 2 lane bypass instead of proposed four lane bypass on NH 47. This project is considered as indispensable for Alappuzha. People are awaiting for the completion of the project for the last 29 years. So, the government should take up this project on urgent basis and release funds for the said work.

* Treated as laid on the Table.