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Title: Need to expedite the six-laning of National Highway No. 47 from Wadakkanchery to Mannuthi in Kerala.

SHRI M.B. RAJESH (PALAKKAD) : This is to draw the attention of the Union Government towards some serious issues related to NH 47. The work of widening of NH 47 is undergoing. Four laning has been completed between Walayar and Wadakkanachery. However, the six laning of the next stretch from Wadakkanachery to Mannuthi is yet to start. This work was supposed to be completed by 2014. The land acquisition was completed on time. Though some initial work was done, it has come to standstill for the last six months. The situation is almost the same beyond the stretch from Walayar to Coimbatore. The piecemeal manner of work has caused inordinate delay and inconvenience to the people. This stretch of the highway is extremely important as it connects not only two States but also two major commercial cities of Coimbatore and Cochin. Hence, I urge upon the Government to intervene immediately to sort out the issues and complete the work at the earliest.