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title: Need to widening of N.H. No. 67.

SHRI C. GOPALAKRISHNAN (NILGIRIS): Hon. Speaker, *Vanakkam*. Before raising the issue, I extend my sincere gratitude to my dynamic Leader, *Puratchi Thalaivi Amma* and I raise an important and urgent public issue.

NH 67 that originates from Nagapattinam travels through a highly tourism-attracted place of Ooty and ends in Mysore. The Nilgiris being a tourism-attracted place, tourists from various places use NH 67 from Coimbatore to reach Ooty. Also, the stretch from Coimbatore to Kallar is a highly populated region, which has very congested traffic movement where frequent accidents occur due to insufficient carriageway, which requires immediate attention for improvement of this road to cater to the present and future traffic requirements.

The stretch from Mettupalayam (Km 380/0) to Kallar (foot hill of Nilgiris) (Km 390/0) is also having only two lane carriageway (7 m.), which needs to be widened to two lane carriageway with paved shoulders (10 m.).

The project may please be considered and taken up in a phased manner in the following priority. Firstly, widening from double lane to four lane and improvements in Km 360/6 - 373/2 to NH 67 (Narasimmanaickenpalayam to Karamadai) and the estimated cost of which is Rs. 95 crore; secondly, widening from double lane to four lane and improvements in Km 374/2 - 380/0 of NH 67 (Karamadai to Mettupalayam) and the estimated cost of which is Rs. 25 crore; and widening from double lane to double lane paved shoulders and improvements in Km 380/0 - 390/0 of NH 67 (Mettupalayam to Kallar (foot hill of Nilgiris) and the estimated cost of which is Rs. 25 crore.

So, I urge upon the hon. Minister of Highways and Road Transport of India to take this matter seriously and request you to expedite the project. Thank you, Madam.

HON. SPEAKER :

Kunwar Pushpendra Singh Chandel is permitted to associate with the issue raised by Shri C. Gopalakrishnan.