

Title: Need for immediate repair and maintenance of the Tamil Nadu part of the Thiruvananthapuram-Kanyakumari National Highway No.47.

SHRI N. DENNIS (NAGERCOIL): The Tamil Nadu part of the Thiruvananthapuram-Kanyakumari National Highway number 47 is in a very bad condition for several years. This causes grave difficulties and inconveniences to the passengers and general public. This road located in the distant South end of the country, far away from Delhi and Chennai, fails to catch the attention and care of the authorities. The funds allocated on prior occasions for the execution of the work repeatedly lapsed due to non-utilisation. Now, the road is full of pits, cracks and holes. Deep trenches are formed on both the sides of the road. The bad condition of the road is posing grave danger to the passengers and the vehicular traffic and road accidents occur frequently. It is one of the busiest roads in the country. Once this road was hailed as the longest cement road in India, but now, it is in a very bad condition. Further abandonment of the execution of the work would aggravate the condition worse and leads to enhanced criticism from the passengers and common people.

So, I urge upon the Government to take urgent and special steps for the immediate maintenance of the road at the earliest.