

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2159**  
ANSWERED ON 04<sup>TH</sup> JULY, 2019

**CONSTRUCTION WORK NEAR KUTHIRAN**

2159. MS. RAMYA HARIDAS:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS  
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be pleased to state:

- (a) the total length of National Highways constructed and modernized in the country, especially in Kerala during the last five years;
- (b) whether the tunnel near Kuthiran in Trissur District in Kerala in the National Highway is safe and if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the steps taken by the Government for the safety of this tunnel?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

(SHRI NITIN JAIRAM GADKARI)

- (a) Total length of National Highways constructed during the last five years in the country is 39,386 kms. and in Kerala it is 222 kms. during the same period.
- (b) & (c) Kuthiran Tunnel forms part of 6-laning project of Vadakkanchery-Thrissur section of NH-47 (Km. 240.000 to Km. 270.000) on Design, Build, Finance, Operate and Transfer (DBFOT) mode in the State of Kerala, taken up through National Highways Authority of India (NHAI). The tunnel is not yet operational and construction is done as per the standards and specifications of the Indian Roads Congress (IRC) which take care of safety standards.

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