

Pradesh during the past two years along with the allocation and expenditure of funds is given in the table below:—

Implementing Agency	No. of NH projects	Allocation in ₹ Cr	Expenditure in ₹ Cr
State PWD/Ministry's PIU	55	5091.28	5071.47
NHAI	23	1002.77	1589.74

NH-2 is not passing through the State of Andhra Pradesh.

(c) and (d) Nil.

(e) The progress of these NH projects is constantly being monitored at various levels of the State Govt. and this Ministry for early completion. Matter is also vigorously taken up for resolving issue of LA, forest clearance etc with State Govt.

Four laning of NH 66

939. SHRI K.J. ALPHONS: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the status of four laning of NH 66, Ernakulam-Dhanushkodi;
- (b) whether there is any deviation from the existing alignment;
- (c) the total cost of the project; and
- (d) by when the four laning will be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS [GENERAL (RETD.) VK. SINGH]: (a) to (d) In the Ernakulam-Dhanushkodi stretch, section from Ernakulam to Kanyakumari is National Highway-66, which falls in the States of Kerala and Tamil Nadu and status of the same is given in the Statement (*See below*). The section from Kanyakumari - Tuticorin - Ramanathapuram-Dhanushkodi is comprising State Highway-176 (125 km) and National Highways - 32 (120 km) & 87 (68 km), for which Detailed Project Report (DPR) has been initiated.

Several realignment/bypasses are provisioned on National Highways based on the Outcome of Detailed Project Reports, traffic density, availability of land, site conditions etc. Most of the stretch / in Mukkola to Kanyakumari section of NH-66 in Kerala/ Tamil Nadu is a Greenfield alignment.

The cost details, expected time of completion of project stretches from Ernakulam -Kanyakumari section of NH-66 is at Annexure. DPR has been initiated for the stretch from Kanyakumari-Dhanushkodi for finalization of alignment, project features, cost, lane configuration etc.

Statement

Length, cost, expected date of completion of stretches of NH-66

Sl. No.	Name of Project	Length (Km)	Civil cost (₹ in Cr.)
Kerala			
1.	Edapallyvyatila to Aroor	16.75	184
2.	Aroor to Tharvoor Thekku	13	Design consultant has not been engaged
3.	Tharvoor Thekku to Parvoor	38	DPRs has been initiated
4.	Parvoor to Kottakulangara	37.5	
5.	Kottakulangara to start of Kollam Bypass	31.5	
6.	Start of Kollam Bypass to Kadamabattukonam	32	
7.	Kadamabattukonam to Kazhakottam	30	
8.	Kazhakottam to Mukkola	27	669
9.	Mukkola to KL/TN Border	16	497
Tamil Nadu			
10.	KL/TN Border to Villukuri	27.25	519.04
11.	Villukuri to Kanyakumari	26.46	559.00