

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**STARRED QUESTION NO-268**  
ANSWERED ON-22/12/2021

**SIX LANE ROADS IN KERALA**

\*268. SHRI M.V. SHREYAMS KUMAR:

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

- (a) whether Government has planned two 6 lane roads in Kerala, including Panvel-Kanyakumari National Highway;
- (b) if so, the details thereof including the cost of the projects, project-wise;
- (c) the status of the project including the time by when the said construction is likely to be started and completed;
- (d) whether Government proposes to construct new National Highways in Kerala; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

(SHRI NITIN JAIRAM GADKARI)

- (a) to (e) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (A) TO (E) OF RAJYA SABHA  
STARRED QUESTION NO. 268 ON 22<sup>ND</sup> DECEMBER, 2021 ASKED BY SHRI M.V.  
SHREYAMS KUMAR REGARDING 'SIX LANE ROADS IN KERALA'.

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(a) to (c) Out of 678 km length of National Highway (NH)-66 from Kerala/Karnataka border to Tamil Nadu/Kerala border (part of Panvel-Kanyakumari National Highway) in the State of Kerala, it has been decided to upgrade about 565 km of NH-66 to 6 lane configuration and same has been split into 18 packages. Road construction work in 6 packages comprising length of 189.51 km with cost of Rs. 12,080 crore is in progress. Works for 8 packages comprising length of 270.5 km with cost of Rs. 26,106 crore have been awarded. 3 works in 92.65 km length with cost of Rs. 10,676 crore are in bidding stage. These 17 Packages are targeted for completion by October 2024. Additionally, in one package (from Aroor to Thuravoor Thekku), in which 4-laning has already been completed, the Detailed Project Report (DPR) for 6 laning has been initiated.

Moreover, 6-laning work in the stretch from Vadkancherry to Thrissur of NH-544 (28.35 km) with cost of Rs. 617 crore is in progress with completion by March, 2022.

(d) & (e) This Ministry is primarily responsible for development and maintenance of National Highways, which is a continuous process. Targets for the construction of National Highways are finalized on year to year basis. The Government has set a target of construction of 111.33 km of NHs in the State of Kerala in the Current Financial Year i.e. 2021-22 and target up to November 2021 was 55 km, out of which 46 km has been constructed up to November 2021.

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