

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 190
ANSWERED ON 12TH FEBRUARY, 2026**

SAFETY LAPSES DURING CONSTRUCTION OF NH-66 IN KERALA

***190. SHRI KODIKUNNIL SURESH:**

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

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be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of all accidents, mishaps and fatal incidents reported during the ongoing construction and widening works of National Highway-66 up to 15.01.2026 in Kerala, district-wise;**
- (b) the number of deaths and serious injuries reported in the said accidents, separately indicating passengers/road users and construction workers;**
- (c) the names of construction companies, concessionaires and subcontractors involved in the respective stretches where such accidents occurred;**
- (d) the findings of safety audits or inquiries conducted into these incidents and the lapses identified therein;**
- (e) the action taken against the agencies concerned including penalties imposed, termination of contracts or blacklisting; and**
- (f) the steps taken to strengthen safety measures, traffic management and worker protection during construction of NH-66 to prevent recurrence of such incidents?**

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

(SHRI NITIN JAIRAM GADKARI)

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

**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (f) OF LOK SABHA
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BY SHRI KODIKUNNIL SURESH REGARDING SAFETY LAPSES DURING
CONSTRUCTION OF NH-66 IN KERALA.**

(a) to (f) The summary of accidents, mishaps and fatal incidents reported at construction sites of ongoing projects on NH-66 is annexed. Lapses mainly related to non-adherence to overall Traffic Management, Work Zone Safety, and Construction Safety Measures, non-compliances in the areas of traffic management, barricading, signage, diversion implementation, road surface condition, protection for vulnerable road users, worker safety practices, and night-time visibility, has been found in Road Safety Audit.

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) to (f) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 190 ANSWERED ON 12TH FEBRUARY, 2026 ASKED BY SHRI KODIKUNNIL SURESH REGARDING 'SAFETY LAPSES DURING CONSTRUCTION OF NH-66 IN KERALA '.

The details of all accidents, mishaps and fatal incidents reported during the ongoing construction and widening works of NH-66								
S. no	Project Name	Concessionaire/ Sub contractor	District	Details of Accidents/ Mishaps during the NH 66 widening Works	Date of incident	Construction Worker Fatality Details	passengers/ road users fatalities due to construction	Status of action taken against concessionaire/ contractor along with penalty if any
1	6L of Thalappady-Chengala	M/s ULCCS	Kasaragod	During a temporary work stoppage due to heavy rain at Flyover P23-P24, the Employee went to the staging area without instruction or supervision and slipped while alighting from the stage. He sustained serious injuries and later succumbed during treatment at MIMS Hospital, Kannur	23.07.2023	1	0	The immediate expenses and compensation amounting to Rs. 20 Lakhs has been paid through Concessionaire's Insurance plan in accordance with Workmens Compensation Policy.

				Two workers were deployed for ATMS installation works. At the time of accident, these two employees were standing on the roadside near to the pickup van. A truck moving towards Mangalapuram direction suddenly collided with the parked pickup van due to the overspeed and loss of control and hit these 2 workers who died on the spot.	15.07.2025	2	0	The immediate expenses and compensation amounting to Rs. 20 Lakhs has been paid through Concessionaire's Insurance plan in accordance with Workmens Compensation Policy.
2	6L of Chengala-Neeleshwaram	M/s Megha Engineering		Fatal accident occurred at the ramp when a worker fell from a height of about 6 metres during shuttering work due to failure to anchor the safety harness.	20.09.2025	1	0	The compensation amounting to Rs.16,01,000/- has been paid through Concessionaire's Insurance plan in accordance with Workmens Compensation Policy.

3	6L of Neeleshwaram-Thalipparamba	M/s Megha Engineering		A Construction worker died due to a fatal accident while unloading steel at the site.	29.06.2022	1	0	The compensation amounting to Rs.16,38,525/- has been paid through Concessionaire's Insurance plan in accordance with Workmens Compensation Policy.
				A fatal accident occurred at Km 98+750 (LHS) due to soil collapse near the work area, resulting in the death of one labourer.	12.05.2025	1	0	The compensation amounting to Rs.13,93,600/- has been paid through Concessionaire's Insurance plan in accordance with Workmens Compensation Policy.
	6L of Thalipparamba-Muzhapilangadu	M/s Vishwa Samudra	Kannur	A fatal accident occurred when a workman came into close contact with earth moving equipment at site.	21.08.2023	1	0	The compensation amounting to Rs.20,97,850/- has been paid through Concessionaire's Insurance

								plan in accordance with Workmens Compensation Policy.
4				An accident occurred at Ch. 164+540 (MCW RHS) during streetlight erection work when an uncontrolled Eicher truck entered the barricaded work area and fatally struck a worker.	25.03.2025	1	0	The compensation amounting to Rs. 34,42,036 (16,42,260+17,99,776) has been paid through
				An accident occurred at Ch. 157+110 (LHS) during raft finishing work when a portion of the cut soil wall collapsed, resulting in the death of one worker.	24.05.2025	1	0	Concessionaire's Insurance plan in accordance with Workmens Compensation Policy.
5	6L of Azhiyur-Vengalam	M/s Adani	Kozhikode	The Roller operator who went for restoring/maintenance of the road to borrow area (during	08.03.2024	1	0	Compensation through the Insurance Company is in process.

				transportation of soil from the borrow area soil spillage happened) while he was moving on down gradient lost his control and stuck between the rollers and that lead to death of operator.				
6	6L of Kappirikkad-Thalikkulam	M/s Shivalaya Construction s	Thrissur	A fatal accident occurred when a worker fell from VUP pillar from a height of approx. 5 metres while coming down after shuttering work.	19.12.2013	1	0	Compensation through the Insurance Company is in process.
7	6L of Thalikkulam-Kodungallur	M/s Shivalaya Construction s		A worker died in an fatal accident during the cleaning of WMM plant conveyor belt.	23.12.2023	1	0	Compensation through the Insurance Company is in process.
				A worker died due to a fatal accident at Camp Site Yard 377+240 while unloading steel at the site.	06.04.2024	1	0	Compensation through the Insurance Company is in process.

8	6-lane Elevated Highway Aroor-Thuravoor	M/s Ashoka Buildcon	Alappuzha	Hydra crane hit on labour while clearing way for ambulance.	28.12.2023	1	0	The compensation amounting to ₹16,38,525/- has been paid through Concessionaire's Insurance plan in accordance with Workmens Compensation Policy.
				Shuttering sheet fall on worker while deshuttering.	23.03.2024	1	0	The compensation amounting to ₹15,84,400/- and ₹14,92,950/- has been paid through Concessionaire's Insurance plan in accordance with Workmens Compensation Policy.
				Construction worker fell down from deck slab during form work.	16.04.2024	1	0	
				Electrical accident during water tank filling at Base camp.	20.10.2025	1	0	2 nos. of Compensation Policy, fatality insurance compensation currently in
				PSC Girder fell down on the	13.11.2025	0	1	

				traveller.				progress.
9	6L of Kottukulangara-Start of Kollam Bypass	M/s Viswa Samudra	Kollam	The incident occurred during line work at Sakthikulagara. According to the Electrical sub-contractor, the worker climbed the electric pole after receiving shutdown confirmation from the KSEB supervisor. Unfortunately, the worker suffered an electric shock while working on the line and died on the spot.	22.07.2024	1	0	Workmens Compensation Policy Order issued for an amount of Rs16,49,625 and payment is in progress
				This accident occurred during the usual patrolling by the security staff. Accidentally, a mild steel channel slipped from the top of the girder and fell onto the head of Shri Vinod Singh, causing him to lose	21.07.2025	1	0	Workmens Compensation Policy (WCP) Order issued for an amount of Rs 12,23,025/- and payment in progress in 1 case. In other case, WCP Order awaited

				consciousness. The co-staff immediately took him to the hospital; however, he died on the way.				
				The incident occurred during working hours when the worker was moving along the diversion road. A truck accidentally struck him, resulting in his death on the spot.	25.10.2025	1	0	
10	6L of Start of Kollam Bypass-Kadambattuk onam	M/s Shivalaya Construction s	Kollam	During night-time soil dumping and grading operations. Mr. Md. Jobrayl, working as a Helper for the past five months, had been deployed to guide soil unloading. It appears that while awaiting the next vehicle, during the dumping by the dumper he was trapped under the dumped soil load,	11.11.2025	1	0	The compensation amounting to Rs.10,00,000/- has been paid through Concessionaire 's Insurance plan in accordance with Workmens Compensation Policy.

				which resulted in his unfortunate death.				
				Two numbers of workers from Shivalaya Construction Co. Pvt. Ltd. were engaged on the reinforce earth wall repair work on the service road. The Hyundai I 10 car, moving at high speed from the opposite direction while overtaking, struck one of the workers. As the result, the worker sustained severe head and leg injury and was immediately transported to a medical facility for treatment. Lateron, he passed away.	03.02.2025	1	0	Compensation through the Insurance Company is in process.
					Total	22	1	
