

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

**LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 162
ANSWERED ON 30TH JULY, 2026**

CONSTRUCTION OF GREENFIELD HIGHWAY

162. SHRI V K SREEKANDAN:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

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be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that construction of the 121 km Palakkad-Kozhikode Greenfield Highway is expected to begin soon, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is also a fact that over 95 percent of the land acquisition has been completed for Rs. 8,000 crore project, which passes mostly through the rural areas of Palakkad, Malappuram and Kozhikode districts, if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether this Greenfield Highway would connect directly with National Highway (NH)-544 and National Highway (NH)-64 alongside eight State Highways and five major district roads, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether it is also true that National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) has completed all other tasks and the remaining task is to prepare an inventory of all buildings on the acquired land for the demolition of these structures, if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

**THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
(SHRI NITIN JAIRAM GADKARI)**

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

**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) to (d) OF LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 162 ANSWERED ON 30TH JULY, 2026 ASKED BY SHRI
V K SREEKANDAN REGARDING “CONSTRUCTION OF GREENFIELD HIGHWAY”.**

(a) The Detailed Project Report (DPR) prepared for development of 4 lane Access Controlled Palakkad - Kozhikode Greenfield Highway, NH 966 with a length of 121 km is under review for fresh traffic and engineering due diligence.

Considering the recent issues in slope protection and Reinforced Soil (RS) Walls on NH-66 in Kerala, revision of design has been undertaken. Viaducts have been proposed in place of RS Walls of height more than 10m. The approval of the project is subject to traffic density, requirement of connectivity and synergy with principles of PM Gati-Shakti etc.

(b) The status of land acquisition (LA) is as under: -

Total Land requirement is 652 Ha at an estimated cost for land acquisition of Rs.6816 crore. The land is being acquired under National Highway Act, 1956 and status of LA under various sections of the act is as under:-

Section 3A:- 549 Ha. (84 %)

Section 3D:- 549 Ha. (84 %)

Section 3G:- 542 Ha. (83 %)

Section 3H:- 503 Ha. (77 %)

An amount of Rs. 4319 crore has been disbursed against total estimated cost of Rs. 6816 crore.

(c) The proposed Greenfield Highway is planned to originate near Marutharoad on NH-544 in Palakkad District and terminate at Pantheerankavu on NH-66 in Kozhikode District. The alignment intersects 5 State Highways namely; SH-70, SH-39, SH-73, SH-28 and SH-65 and 15 major district roads.

(d) The project has not yet been submitted for appraisal to the Department of Economic Affairs, Ministry of Finance.
