

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3176
ANSWERED ON 6TH AUGUST, 2026**

DPR FOR SERVICE ROAD ON NH-66

3176. SHRI KOTA SRINIVASA POOJARY:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

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be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that the agency for preparation of Detailed Project Report for service road from Kundapura to Hejamadi on National Highway (NH)-66 in Udupi District has been appointed but the DPR is yet to be prepared and work has not commenced, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government is aware that absence of service roads on this heavily trafficked stretch passing through densely populated areas is causing hardship to residents and serious road safety concerns, if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government proposes to issue directions for early preparation and approval of the DPR and expeditious commencement of service road works from Kundapura to Hejamadi, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether the Government proposes to complete on priority the pending service road work near Doni Mane Hotel, Santhekatte which remains incomplete and poses safety hazards to motorists and pedestrians, if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (c) National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) has appointed Consultancy agency for preparation of the Detailed Project Report (DPR) for

road safety improvement measures on National Highway (NH)-66 from Hejamadi to the Kerala Border, which also includes the proposed service road from Kundapura to Hejamadi. The DPR agency commenced its services from 14.05.2026.

The scope of the DPR includes assessment and provision of service roads, flyovers, underpasses and other road safety measures based on traffic density, roadside development, road safety requirements, technical feasibility and availability of land.

(d) A 6.0m wide service road from Km 314.0 to Km 315.0 (Both Hand Sides) on NH-66 at Santhekatte was constructed in 2017 by the BOT (Build-Operate-Transfer) Concessionaire.

Further, during the construction of the Santhekatte Vehicular Overpass (VOP) at Km 314.092, the median divider was temporarily removed to facilitate traffic diversion. Vehicular Overpass at Santhekatte is completed and opened for traffic. However, reinstatement of the kerb separator between the main carriageway and the service road has been stalled due to objections from the local public, who have demanded additional widening of the service road. The District Administration has been requested to provide necessary support.
