

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3134
ANSWERED ON 06TH AUGUST, 2026**

STRUCTURAL FAILURES ON NH-66 IN KERALA

3134. SHRI K C VENUGOPAL:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

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be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number and details of structural failures identified/reported along the construction and completed phases of National Highway (NH)-66 in Kerala during the last three years, district-wise;**
- (b) the key findings and recommendations of the high-level expert committees regarding the structural issues along the said NH;**
- (c) whether the Government has accepted any such recommendations and if so, the details thereof;**
- (d) the details of monetary penalties, debarments or criminal actions initiated against the contractors, independent engineers and officials for construction lapses; and**
- (e) the revised timeline for the completion of the NH-66 widening project in Kerala considering the ongoing safety audits?**

ANSWER

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

- (a) The structural failures are in the nature of failures of slope protection works, Reinforced Soil (RS) Walls during construction phase. The details are given in the Annexure-A;**
- (b) & (c) The key findings of the Expert Committee are to conduct fresh geotechnical investigations including taking Boreholes and determination of**

subsoil properties, pull out tests on RE Wall, reverification of ground conditions after ground improvement & global stability analysis. Based on findings of the Expert Committee in their report dated 04.08.2025, these recommendations have been complied with by engaging the Experts from IIT and boreholes have been taken;

(d) The details are given in the Annexure-A; and;

(e) Out of 13 ongoing projects on NH-66, 11 projects will be completed in the year 2027 and 02 projects in the year 2028. The details are given in the Annexure-B.

ANNEXURE-A**ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) AND (d) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3134 ANSWERED ON 06TH AUGUST, 2026 ASKED BY SHRI K C VENUGOPAL REGARDING “STRUCTURAL FAILURES ON NH-66 IN KERALA”**

Sr. No.	Name of Project / Stretch	District	Details of Collapse / Damage	Chainage of collapse/ damage	Month & Year of Collapse/ Damage	Name of Concessionaire / Contractor	Details of action taken against Defaulting Contractor/ Concessionaire/Consultant
1	Chengala-Neesheleshwaram	Kannur	Collapse of Slope Protection	Km.58+04 to Km.58+10 (RHS)	June, 2025	M/s MEIL Chengala Roadways Pvt. Ltd (promoter Megha)	Concessionaire to construct the defective work at their own cost and pay penalty of 5% of defective works. Concessionaire/ promoter had self-restrained themselves from participating in the bids of implementing agencies of MoRTH till 19.02.2026.
2	Neesheleshwaram- Thaliparamba	Kannur	Unprotected soil slip occurred in the cut section	Km.96.03 to Km.96.10 (LHS)	July, 2025	M/s MEIL Neesheleshwaram Roadways Pvt. Ltd (promoter Megha)	Concessionaire to construct the defective work at their own cost and pay penalty of 5% of defective works. Concessionaire/ promoter had self-restrained themselves from participating in the bids of implementing agencies of MoRTH till 19.02.2026.
3	Azhiyur-Vengalam	Kozhikode	Collapse of Slope Protection	Km.191+82 to Km.192+10 (LHS), Km.193+40 to Km.193+54 (RHS)	July, 2024	M/s.Azhiyur-Vengalam Road Pvt. Ltd. (promoter Adani Road Transport Ltd.)	Concessionaire to carryout rectification/ remedial measures at their own cost.
4	Ramanattukara-Valancherry	Malappuram	Embankment settlement and failure of RE Wall	Km.276+80 to Km.277+05 (LHS)	May, 2025	M/s.KNR Ramanattukara Infra Private Limited.	Concessionaire constructed 377m Viaduct in failed RS Wall portion at their own cost. Concessionaire and Promoter self- restrained themselves from participating in the bids of NHAI till 30.11.2025.
5	Kollam Bypass to Kadamattukona	Kollam	Failure of RE Wall	Km.504+40 to Km.504+50(LHS)	Dec., 2025	M/s.Kollam Highways Pvt Ltd. (Promoter Shivalaya Construction)	Concessionaire is constructing 120m Viaduct in failed RS Wall portion at their own cost. Concessionaire and their Promoter have self-restrained themselves from participating in the bids of the NHAI till 30.09.2026.

ANNEXURE-B

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (e) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3134 ANSWERED ON 06TH AUGUST, 2026 ASKED BY SHRI K C VENUGOPAL REGARDING “STRUCTURAL FAILURES ON NH-66 IN KERALA”

Sr. No.	Project Stretch	Length (Km)	Progress (%)	Scheduled revised date of Completion
1.	6L of Chengala-Neeleshwaram	37.3	91	31.03.2027
2.	6L of Neeleshwaram-Thalipparamba	40.1	87	31.03.2027
3.	6L of Thalipparamba-Muzhapilangadu	29.9	84	30.04.2028
4.	6L of Azhiyur-Vengalam	40.8	68	30.03.2028
5.	6L of Kappirikkad-Thalikkulam	33.2	95	30.06.2027
6.	6L of Thalikkulam-Kodungallur	28.7	94	30.06.2027
7.	6L of Kodungallur-Edapally	26	71	31.05.2027
8.	6-lane Elevated Highway Aroor-Thuravoor	12.7	91	06.01.2027
9.	6L of Thuravoor-Paravoor	38.4	81	31.05.2027
10.	6L of Paravoor-Kottukulangara	37.5	77	30.11.2027
11.	6L of Kottukulangara-Start of Kollam Bypass	31.5	77	31.12.2027
12.	6L of Start of Kollam Bypass-Kadambattukonam	31.2	96	30.06.2027
13.	6L of Kadambattukonam-Kazhakuttom	29.8	77	30.04.2027 (excl. 7.67 Km Viaduct portion descoped)
