

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3173
ANSWERED ON 06TH AUGUST, 2026**

INCREASING ROAD ACCIDENTS ON NH 66 IN KERALA

3173. SHRI SHAFI PARAMBIL:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has taken note of the increasing number of road accidents, traffic congestion and public complaints on various stretches of National Highway (NH)-66 in Kerala during the ongoing widening and construction works;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof, including the number of accidents, fatalities and injuries reported on NH-66 in Kerala during the last three years, stretch-wise;**
- (c) whether the Government has conducted any safety audit of the ongoing National Highway projects in Kerala, particularly with regard to traffic diversion arrangements, signage, drainage, pedestrian safety and construction standards;**
- (d) the corrective measures taken or proposed to ensure safe movement of vehicles, timely completion of the projects and effective monitoring of contractors; and**
- (e) the present status of all National Highway projects under implementation in Kerala, indicating the original completion schedule, revised timeline, project cost and reasons for delay, if any?**

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

(SHRI NITIN JAIRAM GADKARI)

(a) and (b) Road accident data is being collected from the States/Union Territories on a calendar year basis and publishes the same in its annual publication, "Road Accidents in India". The number of road accidents, persons killed and persons injured on all National Highways in the State of Kerala, including on National Highway (NH) 66, during the years 2022 to 2024, are as under:

Year	Number of accidents	Number of fatalities	Number of injuries
2022	17627	1197	17799
2023	10640	1056	12105
2024	9757	940	11060
2025*	9438	917	11556

***as per data available on eDAR portal as on 05.08.2026.**

(c) Independent Road Safety Audits (RSAs) are conducted by qualified independent auditors during the project implementation stage as well as periodically during the Operation and Maintenance (O&M) stage to identify and address potential road safety deficiencies.

(d) National Highways (NHs) works are carried out as per standards, guidelines, manual, code of practice of Indian Roads Congress as well as specifications for Road and Bridge Works. Necessary road safety measures inter-alia includes provision of crash barriers, signage boards and safety markings, foot over bridges, etc. are taken up during design, construction, operation and maintenance stages. Road Safety Audit is carried out for the independent assessment of newly constructed roads before opening of the National Highways to commercial traffic. All identified road safety issues, including those related to road signage and markings are addressed before the road is opened to the public. Subsequently, during the operation of the project highway, assessment is carried out at regular intervals to identify safety issues that may have emerged during operation stage and necessary remedial measures are taken in a time-bound manner.

(e) The details of National Highway projects under implementation in the State of Kerala are given at Annexure-I and II, respectively.

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (e) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3173 ANSWERED ON 06TH AUGUST, 2026 ASKED BY SHRI SHAFI PARAMBIL REGARDING INCREASING ROAD ACCIDENTS ON NH 66 IN KERALA.

Details of National Highway projects being implemented by National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) in the State of Kerala

Sr . No	Project Stretch	Total length (Km)	Total Project Cost (Cr)	Scheduled Completion Date	Physical progress (%)	Completion Date (except Viaducts)	Completion Date For Viaducts, ROB etc.
1	6L of Chengala-Neeleshwaram	37.3	2538.06	11.04.2024	91	31.05.2026	31.03.2027
2	6L of Neeleshwaram-Thalipparamba	40.1	3867.66	11.04.2024	87	31.05.2026	31.03.2027
3	6L of Thalipparamba-Muzhapilangadu	29.9	3557.65	26.05.2024	84	31.03.2027	30.04.2028
4	6L of Azhiyur-Vengalam	40.8	3898.46	31.05.2025	68	31.03.2027	30.03.2028
5	6L of Kappirikkad-Thalikkulam	33.2	4225.59	26.01.2025	95	30.06.2026	30.06.2027
6	6L of Thalikkulam-Kodungallur	28.7	4302.06	14.02.2025	94	30.06.2026	30.06.2027
7	6L of Kodungallur-Edapally	26	3606.2	21.04.2025	71	31.12.2026	31.05.2027
8	6-lane Elevated Highway Aroor-Thuravoor	12.7	2382.83	31.01.2026	91	06.01.2027	-----
9	6L of Thuravoor-Paravoor	38.4	2638.67	12.09.2024	81	31.12.2026	31.05.2027
10	6L of Paravoor-Kottukulangara	37.5	3273.61	24.02.2025	77	30.04.2027	30.11.2027
11	6L of Kottukulangara-	31.5	3680.49	07.10.2024	77	30.04.2027	31.12.2027

	Start of Kollam Bypass						
1	6L of Start of	31.2	3023.	28.02.20	96	30.06.20	30.06.20
2	Kollam Bypass- Kadambattukona m		78	25		26	27
1	6L of	29.8	3451.	11.08.20	77	30.04.20	7.67 Km
3	Kadambattukona m-Kazhakuttom		76	25		27	Viaduct descope d.
1	Rectification of 4	2.4	130.5	21.08.25	41	----	31.07.20
4	Nos blackspots in Thiruvananthapu ram bypass section		5				27
1	Widening of	124.	1231.	25.06.25	64	----	31.03.20
5	Kochi – Munnar to 2L/2L+PS.	6	74				27
1	Rectification of	12.1	510.2	28.07.26	57	----	31.01.20
6	11 Nos blackspot from Walayar to Angamaly		8				27
1	Rectification of	17.3	678.4	13.03.28	2.5	----	13.03.20
7	17 Nos blackspot from Walayar to Angamaly		0				28
1	Balance work of	1.9	125.9	05.03.20	62.5	----	30.12.20
8	widening of 4 nos existing 2 Lane major Bridge of Six- laning of Kozhikode Bypass		6	26			26
1	Construction of	1.1	40.40	20.05.20	65	----	31.05.20
9	an underpass at km 184.850, supply & installation of			26			27

Street lighting, Construction of Service roads and other miscellaneous works in Thalassery Mahe bypass						
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Details of National Highway projects being implemented by the National Highways Wing of State Government of Kerala

Sl No	National Highway project under implementation	original completion schedule	revised timeline	project cost	reasons for delay
1	Widening to 2 lane with paved shoulders from km 87/000 to km 133/720 (Nattukal to Thanau Jn in Palakkad) of NH 966(Old NH 213) on EPC mode	22.08.2019	EOT granted upto 30.05.2025.	294.26	Due to protest from locals and people representatives, the toll plaza location shifted from original proposed place to another location.
2	Geometrical Improvements at Ghat section of Thamarassery Churam on NH766 at selected 3 locations where forest land is made available and the chainages (i) Hairpin bend no.6(km 50+400 to 50+620) (ii) Hairpin bend no.7(km 51+590 to 51+680) (iii) Hairpin bend	18/05/2026	18.02.2027	37.16	Delay in tree cutting occurred due to delay in getting permission from forest department .

	no.8(km 51+860 to 51+900) in the State of Kerala under Annual plan 2024-25 on EPC mode				
3	Short term improvement and routine maintenance works on NH 185 for thr stretches from km 15/500 (Pakuthipalam) to km 42/725 (Double cutting) and from km 56/550(Vellayamkudi) to km 61/000 (Vallakkadavu) under short term maintenance contract (STMC) for the year 2025-26	28.10.2026		1.9993	
4	STMC from 106/700 to 126/700 of NH 183 in the state of Kerala	11.11.2026		2.59	
5	GENERAL - STMC 2025-26- Short term improvement and routine maintenance km 76/000 -117/000 of NH 766 in the state of Kerala	15.01.2027		4.9997	
6	Short term improvement between km 160/000 to 215/450 (except km 172/700-185/500 and 205/180-210/000) of NH 183 in state of Kerala	18/05/2027		4.92	
7	Performance based maintenance between Km 89.10(Kanamala) to Km 103.20 (Erumely)of NH 183 A under PBMC mode	5 year (11/09/2029)		10.0383	
8	Performance based maintenance Contract of NH 183A from Bharanikkavu (km 0/000)- Nellimootilpadi (km 16/000), Adoor (km 17/200)- Kaipattoor (km	28.07.2029 (Five year maintenanc e contract)		25.5364	

	27/300) and Pathanamthitta Ring road to Mylappra (900m stretch in km32/940 to km 37/300) in the State of Kerala- PBMC 2023-24				
9	Performance based maintenance Contract work between Plappally km 72/390 to Kanamala km 86/660 and Erumeli km 103.200 km to Mundakkayam junction km 116.800 of NH 183A in state of Kerala under PBMC Maintenance Plan 2025-26.	5 year (9.6.2031)		26.92 73	
1 0	Performance based maintenance Contract work from Km 72/700 to Km 74/700 and Km 126/700 to 160/000 of NH 183 under PBMC Maintenance Plan 2025-26.	5 year (6.5.2031)		31.27	
1 1	Black spot rectification work at Cinimaparambu(Km 1/900),Kadampnanadu (Km6/250(KL-(04)04)), Nellimukal(11/000),Vellakul angara(km 14/750), Pannivizha(Km 17/900(KL- (03)035)),Mankuzhy(km 26/800),Omalloor (km 29/000 (KL- (031- 037)),Pathanamthitta Stadium Jn.(Km 32/940(KL- 103)- 036))of NH 183 A in the state of Kerala in item rate mode under Road safety Annual plan 2023-24	14/02/2025	12/05/2026	2.419 4	PBMC Work was ongoing in this stretch and only after resurfacing in PBMC,this work was started

1	Black spot rectification	14/01/2026	15/05/20	10.20	Labour
2	work in Manorama Junction (km107.2 to 108.2: KL-(03)-52,Plantation Junction (km 109.35 to 110.00: KL(03)-051),Annadivayal junction (km 117.35 to 118: KL-(03)-047, Nedumkuzhy/9th Mile (km 124/850-125/400:KI-(03)-050) in NH 183 the State of Kerala in EPC mode under Road Safety Annual Plan 2023-24-Reg.		26	51	shortage, Force majeure, Raw material scarcity
