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Title: Issue regarding construction of Thirpunithura bypass to NH-85 in Kerala.

**SHRI THOMAS CHAZHIKADAN (KOTTAYAM):** Sir, through this submission, I would like to bring to the notice of hon. Minister of Transport and Highways an urgent matter regarding delay in construction of Thripunithura bypass, and the consequent agonies and difficulties being faced by the landowners. The bypass to the NH-85 is beneficial for the people of three Parliamentary constituencies, that is, Kottayam, Ernakulam, and Chalakudy, and also three Assembly constituencies of Piravam, Thripunithura and Kunnathunad. Originally, the proposal was for the construction of NH-85 from Kochi (Kundanur) to Dhanushkodi (Theni) with a bypass at Thrippunithura. Now, the NHAI, in addition to NH-85, has brought in a new proposal for another bypass called Kochi bypass from Karukutty near Angomali to Kundanur, as part of NH-66, and is reportedly considering an alignment which is different from Thripunithura bypass, for which land was acquired. An alignment avoiding an already acquired land for Thripunithura bypass would cause irreparable loss and agony to 219 families - 167 families in Thiruvaniyur village and 52 families in Thiruvankulam village. They were not allowed to do any construction or other activities on their properties for the last 30 years.

It is understood that it is a new proposal for alignment, which is different with an elevated road and also with an additional length of three km. Moreover, another alignment means additional cost for the NHAI for land acquisition. It is a matter of grave injustice to these

landowners on the part of the NHAI and the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways, if a different alignment is proposed.

Sir, under these circumstances, through you, I would like to request the hon. Minister of Road Transport & Highways to give directions to the authorities of the NHAI that the original alignment of the proposed Kochi bypass be aligned through the land already acquired and frozen for the last 30 years for the erstwhile Thrippunithura bypass.

**माननीय सभापति :** माननीय सदस्यगण, मैं अभी गत शुक्रवार, यानी 10 तारीख के कुछ शून्य प्रहर के विषय थे, उनको ले रहा हूँ । यह कोशिश होगी कि सांयकाल 6 बजे के पश्चात् सभी को मौका दिया जाए ।