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Title: Issue regarding development of NH-85 on priority basis in Idukki Parliamentary Constituency, Kerala.

ADV. DEAN KURIAKOSE (IDUKKI): Sir, 75 per cent of the National Highway-85, from Kochi to Dhanushkodi in Tamil Nadu, passes through my constituency. It has already been included in the Bharatmala Pariyojna. They have fixed a new alignment. It is entirely different from the existing National Highway. Thousands of people are regularly travelling through the existing National Highway. We want the existing National Highway to be developed on priority. It should be developed as a four-lane road with paved shoulder.

Muvattapuzha-Kothamangalam bypass project is our long-pending demand. It has not been sanctioned. I would like to suggest the hon. Minister, through you, Sir, that the existing National Highway should be developed as a four-lane road with paved shoulder. I am not against the new Bharatmala Pariyojna, but the existing Highway should be developed on priority.

Munnar is a very famous tourist spot. That has also been excluded. Development of National Highway is very important. It should be done on priority. The existing National Highway should be developed on priority. Thank you, Sir.