

**Seventeenth Loksabha**

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Title : To build underpasses in Mandalam junction, Edamuttam junction in Valappad Grampanchayat with the service roads and in front of the Edakkazhiyoor Juma Masjid

Shri T. N. Prathapan (Thrissur): Hon. Speaker, the widening of developmental projects of NH-66 in Kerala has been progressing. I have some important concerns of people from the locations where the project development is taking place to convey to the hon. Minister of Road Transport and Highways, Shri Nitin Gadkari ji.

This is a genuine concern of the people of Chavakkad regarding a proposed underpass facility in Mullathara junction in Manathala, Chavakkad, in Guruvayur assembly constituency. The proposed vehicle underpass project of only 25 meters width between Mullathara and Manathalait is not practical in a place like Manathala which is highly populated. Considering the importance of pilgrimage centres like Manathala Juma Masjid which is one of the oldest Masjids in the country, the famous Guruvayur Srikrishna Temple and Palayur Church which is the oldest in India, this region shall be provided a more convenient project plan. A flyover with pillars and a wider underpass shall be provided in Mullathara junction.

Otherwise, the students around this area, merchants, and the tourists who come to the Chavakkad beach, which is a tourist hub of Thrissur, will have to suffer without a proper passage between Mullathara and Manathala.

I would like to make three requests to the hon. Minister. An underpass shall be provided in Mandalamkunnu junction facing the exiting PWD road there. At Edamuttam junction in Valappad Grampanchayat also, we need an underpass for connectivity with the service roads. There shall be a crossing as well as service roads in front of the Edakkazhiyoor Juma Masjid. I will submit a detailed report regarding this. I request the hon. Minister to kindly consider these demands.

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