

Regarding construction of a six-lane elevated Highway on NH-66 (Kasargod - Thiruvananthapuram)-laid

SHRI HIBI EDEN (ERNAKULAM): I would like to draw the attention of the Government towards the lack of allocation of funds for the Edappally ? Vyttila ? Aroor section on NH-66. This 16 km stretch has some of the busiest junctions in Kerala, including Edappally, Vyttila, Palarivattom, and Kundannoor. Currently, this stretch witnesses a distressing volume of traffic with approximately more than one lakh vehicles navigating the route daily. The four-lane road between Edappally and Vyttila is heavily congested, resulting in significant delays and losses for commuters with travel time escalating to two or three hours. The current six-laning of NH 66 (Kasargod-Thiruvananthapuram) would not be a solution as this stretch is not 45 meters wide and widening of this section would be financially stressful with land prices on a surge due to developments like Kochi Metro and would also need to demolish hospitals, religious institutions, shopping malls and residential flats. In light of this, I propose the construction of a six-lane elevated highway for this stretch as the most viable solution. An elevated highway would not only address the existing traffic congestion but also cater to future demands, ensuring smoother and more efficient transportation for the residents and commuters of Kerala passing through Kochi city.