

Need to sanction for development of Kollam-Edamon and Edamon-Punalur bypass projects on old NH-744 in Kerala-Laid

SHRI N. K. PREMACHANDRAN (KOLLAM): There is heavy traffic between Edamon and Punalur in Kollam Parliamentary Constituency. The proposal for widening the existing road is not technically and financially feasible due to high land value and hilly terrain. There is suitable greenfield alignment for bypass. NHAI already proposed alignment of Punalur bypass. The alignment is pending. Kollam to Edamon old NH744 is also not developed. The development proposal was prepared but not implemented. The proposed greenfield highway starting from Kadambattukonam to Edamon is not sufficient for managing the existing traffic from Kollam to Edamon in old NH 744. The development of old NH 744 from Kollam Edamon is also necessary. Hence I urge upon the Government to sanction the development project of old NH744 Kollam - Edamon and Edamon ?Punalur bypass.