

Regarding construction of vehicular underpass at Vettuthara on NH 66 in Kollam Parliamentary Constituency, Kerala

N. K. PREMACHANDRAN (KOLLAM): Sir, my 'Zero Hour' submission is relating to construction of an underpass at Vettuthara junction on National Highway-66 in my constituency.

Sir, Vettuthara is an important junction which is connecting the eastern part of my constituency to National Highway-66 covering Thekkumbhagam gram panchayat, Thevalakkara gram panchayat and so many other places in the eastern part. Those people are dependent on this route. They connect to the National Highway through Vettuthara junction. Unfortunately, there is no vehicular underpass at that particular junction.

And further, as far as the service roads are concerned, it was originally planned to have seven metres of width of the service road, but unfortunately, the width has come down to four metres, which has made the movement very difficult for the residents of the eastern part of that junction. Hundreds of vehicles are coming from the eastern part to get to the National Highway-66, but there is no underpass leading to difficulties. I learned that there is a proposal to construct an underpass with the width of 22.9 metres near the Neendakara Bridge. My suggestion is, either a new vehicular underpass be constructed at Vettuthara junction or the newly proposed underpass with 22.9 metre width be shifted to Vettuthara junction to resolve this problem. I would urge the Government to do it at the earliest for the convenience of the people at large.