

**Regarding need to ensure scientific and technology based construction of 6-laning project on NH No. 66 in Kerala-Laid**

**SHRI M. K. RAGHAVAN (KOZHIKODE):** The 6-laning project of NH 66 in Kerala is plagued by safety issues, environmental damage and severe delays. Unscientific construction on weak, waterlogged terrain, such as at Kooriyadu in Malappuram, has led to repeated collapses even before completion of project. High embankments on reclaimed paddy fields and disrupted water flow have worsened flooding and collapse risks. Cracks observed in completed sections across Kasaragod, Kannur, Kozhikode, Malappuram, and Thrissur districts reflect poor construction quality by the companies involved. Reports cite unsafe soil extraction and unscientific hillside cutting, raising landslide fears. Construction mismanagement and sluggish progress, especially on the Azhiyur-Vengalam stretch of Kozhikode district, have worsened the situation. I request Hon'ble Minister to address these issues, ensure accountability and expedite project completion.