

Need to carry out the construction work on National Highway No. 66 across Vadakara in Kerala in scientific and technologically sound manner.-laid

SHRI SHAFI PARAMBIL (VADAKARA): The construction of National Highway No. 66 across Vadakara raises serious safety and environmental concerns, including collapsed bridges, landslides, eroded service roads, and waterlogged stretches. The project has resulted in many alarming incidents. Experts have warned about the unscientific soil excavation, poorly planned hillside cuts, and inadequate drainage. These structural failures threaten the lives and livelihoods of the people living in the area. The onset of monsoon further worsened the road conditions with waterlogging and mud accumulation. Recently, a section of private bus operators resorted to a token strike protesting against the poor condition of service roads along the under-construction National Highway-66. The reason for the waterlogging is the unscientific construction of drainage. On many roads, the drainage ridges are above the road level. While the State expects more downpours in the coming months, the people residing along the road, as well as the pedestrians, are under the constant fear of possible landslides. Since we have highly populated places on each side of the road, the construction activities have seriously affected the daily lives of the people. In this context, I request the Government to understand the intensity of the situation and intervene urgently to reduce the fear of the people.