

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

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DEVELOPMENT OF NATIONAL HIGHWAYS  
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**Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether there is any proposal to develop the National Highways including extending it upto Vallarpadam Container Terminal at Cochin;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether NH-17 and N H-47 are proposed to be developed from Cochin;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the present status of bypass from Cochin to Munnar on National Highway No. 49?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K. H. MUNIYAPPA)

(a) & (b) : There is a proposal for developing a new International Container Transshipment Terminal

(ICTT) at Vallarpadam in Kerala by Cochin Port Trust. A four lane road connectivity (17.2 km long) with NH-47 to the ICTT is proposed at an estimated cost of Rs. 395.00 crore.

(c) & (d) : The entire length of NH-17 (421 km) in Kerala from Karnataka-Kerala border to Edappally

(Cochin) is proposed for four laning on Build, Operate and Transfer (BOT) basis under National Highways Development Project (NHDP) Phase III-B. Presently, the preparation of Detailed Project Reports (DPR) for four laning is in progress. Four laning of NH-47 from Walayar (Kerala-Tamil Nadu Border) to Vytilla Junction (Cochin) is in progress under NHDP Phase II (North-South Corridor). Out of total length of 166 km, 4 laning has already been completed in a length of 32 km and the same is in progress in a length of 46 km. Preparation of DPRs/award of works are in progress in the balance reaches. As regards other section of NH-47 in Kerala i.e from Vytilla Junction to Kerala-Tamil Nadu border, four laning is in progress from Vytilla Junction to Aroor Junction (10 km) under " Port Connectivity", from Aroor Junction to Cherthala

(20 km) is already four lane and from Cherthala – Trivandrum – Karnataka/Tamil Nadu border (221 km), four laning is proposed under NHDP Phase III-A. Presently preparation of DPRs/award of works are in progress.

(e) : Three bypasses viz. Tripunithura, Muvattupuzha and Kothamangalam are proposed between Kochi and Munnar on NH-49 in Kerala. The alignment for these bypasses stands approved and the land acquisition estimates awaited from the State PWD. However, for Tripunithura Bypass, land acquisition in part length has already been approved.