

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

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DELAY IN FOUR- LANING OF PANAGUDI-KANYAKUMARI STRETCH  
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**Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether there is considerable delay on the progress of work on the four-laning work on the Panagudi-Kanyakumari Stretch;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the work on Kanyakumari-Trivandrum stretch has also not been started;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (e) the steps taken by the Government to expedite the work;
- (f) the total cost of these projects; and
- (g) the time by which the work on the said stretches are likely to be commenced and get completed?

**Answer**

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

- (a)&(b) Four-laning of Panagudi-Kanyakumari Stretch has suffered delay due to land acquisition problem, delay in shifting of utility services and poor performance of the contractor. The contract for the work in this stretch has been terminated.
- (c)to(e) Preparation of Detailed Project Report for Kanyakumari-Trivandrum stretch is in progress. The work is to be taken up on Build, Operate & Transfer (BOT) basis after approval of Public Private Partnership Appraisal Committee (PPPAC).
- (f)&(g) The cost and time for completion of this work is subject to completion of bidding process and finalization of bids.