

Title: Need to allocate adequate funds for proper maintenance of National Highway No. 17 passing through Kannur district, Kerala -Laid.

SHRI A.P. ABDULLAKUTTY (CANNANORE): I rise to draw the attention of the Centre to the deplorable conditions of National Highway No. 17 passing through Northern Kerala district including Kannur.

In pursuit of mega projects that are beyond our reach, we should not ignore the basic upkeep of our National Highways. NH-17 passing through Kannur district needs widening, reinforcement and upgradation of riding quality.

Due to railway accident at Quilandy recently, the link between Northern districts of Kerala, Kannur, Kozhikode etc. with rest of Kerala was snapped, putting much pressure on the roads both for goods and passengers traffic. This has caused premature wear of the NH-17 in the northern districts of Kerala.

The condition of NH-17 in my district is worse than other State Highways. I would, therefore, urge the Minister for Road Transport and Highways to include widening, reinforcement and upgradation of riding quality of the NH-17 passing through Kannur in the on-going work programme and provide adequate allocations of funds for the same.