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Title: Need to accord early approval for construction of remaining portion of the Calicut bye-pass from Vengalam to Idimuzhikal on N.H.-17 in Kerala.

SHRI M.K. RAGHAVAN (KOZHIKODE): The 28 Km long Calicut by-pass stretching from Vengalam to Idimuzhikal on National Highway 17 in Kerala was conceived in early 1980. The land acquisition for the entire stretch having a width of 45m has been completed. The construction of 23 Km by-pass has been completed.

The remaining 5 Kms stretch remains uncompleted. This is causing undue hardships to the motorists as well as affecting the Calicut city very badly with traffic bottlenecks.

The Government of Kerala has agreed to meet 50% of the cost of the construction of the remaining 5 Kms stretch.

I request the Minister for Road Transport and Highways to kindly ensure speedy clearance of the required approval so that the project could be completed immediately.