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Title: Need to expedite completion of Alappuzha by-pass project in Kerala.

SHRI K.C. VENUGOPAL (ALAPPUZHA): Alappuzha Bypass project, which was started in 1980s has not yet been completed even after the 30th year of its commencement. The construction works are still pending due to many reasons such as four-laning works of NH 47, land acquisition and completion of Railway Over Bridges. The National Highway Authority of India (NHAI) have connected NH 47 to the said bypass project. The bypass project is proposed through the beach side of Alappuzha and aiming to protect beach while road projects are realized. The Ministry of Road Transport and Highways had assigned one consultancy before six months for the feasibility study of constructing a two lane fly over bypass in this area. Its report is still awaited. It is clear that, if the four laning works of NH is clubbed with bypass project it will be delayed for many years. But the bypass is a necessity of the entire residents of the district and also the travellers. The one and only option for its prompt completion is that the project should be taken up by the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways apart from the other NH projects and to complete the bypass works separately. So the Government should take necessary steps to expedite the completion of this project.