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Title: Need to start the process for four-laning of Kanyakumari Section of NH No. 47 along Tamil Nadu and Kerala border and Nagercoil-Kavalkinaru section of NH No. 47B in Tamil Nadu.

SHRIMATI J. HELEN DAVIDSON (KANYAKUMARI): The stretch of 56 kilometres road from Km 599/0 to 655/0 in Kanyakumari, Tamil Nadu is in dilapidated condition. The road between Tamil Nadu and Kerala via Nagercoil has got patches and ditches in every kilometre. The annual allocation of Rs. 1.12 crore for maintenance of this 56 kilometres road is not enough.

After survey for the worst condition of NH No. 47 in Kanyakumari District, the NHAI has sent a proposal for maintenance of this road at the cost of Rs. 6.63 crore under special repair funds to the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways, New Delhi. The stretch between Nagercoil to Kavalkinaru in Kanyakumari District of my constituency of NH No. 47B is worse than NH No. 47. Enough funds for improving this road also must be sanctioned for the smooth transportation of Vehicles.

I request the Hon'ble Minister to send the higher officials to inspect NH No. 47 in Kanyakumari District and take immediate action for renewing and repairing of the 56 kilometre stretch between km 599/0 and 655/0 in my Kanyakumari Constituency.

The stretch of NH No. 47 connecting between Tamil Nadu and Kerala via Nagercoil is less spacious and having heavy traffic congestion. Thousands of vehicles take 3 hrs. to travel 65 kms between Nagercoil and Trivandrum. Ministry of Road Transport & Highways proposed for the formation of four laning of Kanyakumari Section of NH-47 Kerala and Tamil Nadu Border and Nagercoil-Kavalkinaru Section of NH-47B in the State of Tamil Nadu under NHDP Phase III.

I urge upon the Government to begin the process for four laning of Kanyakumari Section of NH No. 47 along the Kerala and Tamil Nadu Border and Nagercoil-Kavalkinaru Section of NH No. 47B in Tamil Nadu under NHDP Phase III.