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Title: Regarding completion of work on National Highway No. 66 in Tamil Nadu.

SHRI V. ELUMALAI (ARANI): The work for the development of Tindivanam-Krishnagiri section of NH-66 was awarded in August, 2011. The work was scheduled to be completed in April, 2014. But, there is an inordinate delay in this project. The Hon'ble Union Minister in reply to my earlier letter has said that the work will be completed by August, 2016.

This stretch of NH-66 between Tindivanam to Krishnagiri is an important road connecting Tiruvannamalai Arunachaleswarar Temple, Thiruvakkarai Vakkara Kali Amman Temple, Melmalaiyanur Angala Parameshwari Amman Temple and the Historical Gingee Fort.

During Festival days, auspicious days like the Full moon day and New Moon Day, lakhs of devotees visit these important Temples. They have to travel through this stretch of NH-66 only. The condition of this stretch of NH-66 is very pathetic. It gives nightmare for motorists and many fatal accidents occur in this stretch of NH-66.

Though I had requested for speedy completion of this project but nothing has been done effectively. Even the work done so far is not up to the standard and does not justify the estimates.

Therefore, I once again urge the Hon'ble Minister to look into this issue seriously and take necessary measures to complete the work at the earliest.