Karamana-Kaliyikkavila NH To Turn Four Laned

Land acquisition for the project is in progress | Dinesh Kumar

Trivandrum: The State Government project to widening the road envisages turning the 29 kilometre, two lanced, Karamana-Kaliyikkavila National Highway stretch into a four lanced one, with a width of 30.2 metres. The land acquisition for the project is in progress and most of the shops from Karamana to Pappanamcode have come to an understanding with the Government and are waiting to receive the compensation amount.

Public Works Department’s National Highway Wing is responsible for the project. "The project consists of two phases. First phase includes the widening of the stretch from Karamana to Vazhimukku while the second one will cover till Kaliyikkavila. Detail Project Report has been submitted to the Government and we are waiting to get it sanctioned,” K Rosamma, Executive Engineer, NH Division, said.

The works from Karamana to Pravachambalam stretching 5.5 kms will be taken up in the initial stage. The construction will be completed within 2 years, within a budget of Rs. 74 crores.

"We had requested the authorities to limit the width of the road within 22 metres, but it was not accepted. The Government order came and we have to abide by it. Now we are waiting for the composition amount,” Shamsudeen, a hotel owner in Pappanamcode said.

However, many shopkeepers are not satisfied with the compensation amount they are to receive. "If we are made to demolish this place, we should be provided with another location. Otherwise, I will have to pay my 3 employees their salary until the construction works are completed, when I will be getting nothing. Also I am having only a third of the original price of the building,” Shivadasan, a textile owner, complains.
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