

Reply is as follows

The National Highway NH-4A originates at Belgaum (Km. 0/00) and terminates at Panaji (Km. 153/00).

The jurisdiction of Goa State starts at km. 84/00 i.e. Anmod. The entire stretch from km. 84/00 (Anmod) to km. 143/00 (Old Goa) is recently hotmixed and is in very good condition.

The stretch from Km.118/00 (Khandepar) to Km.125/00 (Ponda) is already upgraded to four lanes, except for one approach at Opa Junction for which tender process is over and work is likely to commence shortly. Even the stretch from Km.143/00(Old Goa) to km.153/00 (Panaji) is also upgraded to four lanes.

Several stretches are proposed for four lanning in the upcoming Annual plan of the Ministry. The stretches proposed in the Annual plan are as follows:

1. From km. 84/00 to km. 97/00 - Rs. 1500 Cr.

(Anmod to Mollem)

1. Km. 112/00 to km. 118/00 - Rs. 650 Cr.

(Sugar Factory to Khandepar)

1. Km. 125/00 to km. 136/00 - Rs. 750 Cr.

(Ponda to Bhoma)

The remaining stretch from km. 97/00 to km. 112/00 (Mollem to Sugar Factory) is under acquisition. Section 3A is declared. The other stretch from km. 137/00 to km. 143/00 (Bhoma to Old Goa), section 3D is declared. After due completion of land acquisition and getting possession of the land, those stretches will also be taken up for four lanning.

In the stretch from Bhoma to Old Goa, in Bhoma village a total of 22 structures are getting affected out of which 04 are residential houses and the remaining are temporary kiosks (ghaddas),whereas in Corlim village there are 39 structures which are getting affected out of which only 04 are residential houses and the remaining are temporary kiosks (ghaddas). In the stretch from Mollem to Sugar Factory a total of 18 structures are affected, out of which 03 are residential houses and the remaining are kiosks.

I know the importance of this road and hence I have been conducting every fortnightly meetings with the Officers to review the Land Acquisition process as well as the ongoing works in this stretch. I am also constantly in touch with the Officials of the MORTH/ NHAI, as well as with the Hon'ble Minister for National Highways, Govt. of India, for early sanction of our proposals and we are receiving full support from the Union Ministry and our proposals are getting sanctioned expeditiously.

In view of the above, there is no reason for the people travelling from Goa to Karnataka via Old Goa, Anmod Ghat to have any fear and anxiety as this Government has accorded top priority for the

four lanning of the entire road and the same shall be completed on top priority.