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Calling Attention

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Shri Carlos Ferreira, MLA to call the attention of the Minister for Public Work to the following:

“Fear and anxiety in the minds of the people regarding the frequent accidents occurring on stretches (mostly the concrete stretches) of NH 66 specially at Bambolim, Atal Sethu, Guirim (on main stretch approaching Green park and also near Greek Park Hotel) some being fatal: there is no proper lighting, the concrete roads are so uneven and bumpy, no proper markings nor signages nor proper speed limits indicated, no indication of “Danger Zone”, no proper monitoring of speed (except at Atal Sethu) which will get worse during the tourist season, given the fact that many tourists drive vehicles in high speeds unaware of the dangers lurking ahead. What steps does the Government intend to do, to attend to this problem on priority basis and time- frame for its implementation?”

The work of four laning between Karaswada and Bambolim is yet to be completed. The work is governed by EPC contract and has a DLP defect liability period of 4 years during which the contractor is obliged to maintain in the assets created by him in safe, working conditions. The work and its quality in entirety as required vide approved sanction by the Ministry is monitored by Authority’s Engineer appointed by the Ministry. The work is in two stretches namely from Karaswada to Sangolda junction and from Mercedes junction to Bambolim. The required signages including speed limit signages in both the stretches have been provided. The roughness of the road has been rectified, required road markings have been provided by the contractor and work of street lighting is also completed. Rumbler strips have been provided as speed calming measures wherever advised by Traffic Police. Other safety measures like providing traffic signals are in process.

The Government is committed to provide safe and motorable roads to the road users and there is no reason for the people to have any fear or anxiety in their minds on this account.