

**CALLING ATTENTION TABLED BY SHRI CLAFASIO
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“FEAR AND ANXIETY IN THE MINDS OF THE PEOPLE OF CUNCOLIM MUNICIPAL AREA REGARDING CONSTRUCTION OF NH-17/66, BYE-PASS ROAD FROM PANZORCONNI TO BALLI. THE RESIDENTS ARE ANXIOUS OVER THEIR PROPERTY/HOUSES WHICH COULD BE TAKEN OVER BY NATIONAL HIGHWAY AUTHORITY. STEPS THE GOVERNMENT INTENDS TO TAKE IN THE MATTER”.

The alignment of four-laning of NH-66 (old NH-17) from Uskini bandh (Cuncohim) to Pollem (Canacona) is approved by Ministry of Road Transport & Highways. The instant alignment commences at Dramapur on existing Highway and terminates at Gullem in Canacona for a length of 31 kms. The Cuncohim-Balli bypass is the integral part of this alignment. It bypasses the Cuncohim town & Balli village, from Uskini bandh onwards & joins back the existing Highway at Balli Health Centre and further continues till Gullem in Canancona.

Alignment having length of 7 kms from Uskini Bandh to Balli Health Centre was approved by the Ministry based on its technical merits and about 31 structures are affected on this alignment consisting mostly of residential houses as per the Report submitted by the consultant.

Out of the 31 kms, land has been acquired in the past up to Uskini bandh. The intervening stretch of 22 kms from Uskini bandh to Gullem in Canacona the land has not been acquired.

Subsequently due to objections from the Locals, Stakeholders and Local M.L.A's, survey was carried out again and three alignments are worked out for Cuncolim-Balli bypass.

Therefore it is informed that the detailed Project report will be prepared based on the alignment (out of the 3 alignments) finalised after receiving the feedback from the Stakeholders, local M.L.A's and affected people and will be submitted to MORTH after obtaining the Approval from the State Government.

Hence, there should not be any need for fear & anxiety in the minds of the residents who are residing on the said proposed stretch of bypass and whose houses are getting affected, as there would be no abrupt takeover of the houses but the entire program will be synchronized in close coordination & cooperation of affected persons.