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MLA protests in rain seeking road widening



KGF MLA Roopakala Shashidhar

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Kolar: Demanding a long-pending road-widening project be expedited, KGF MLA Roopakala Shashidhar staged a demonstration in the rain on Saturday.

"It's been six years and the road is yet to be widened because the district administration has turned a blind eye," said Roopakala, who protested outside the Kolar deputy commissioner's office.

The 230-metre stretch is located in KGF's Ashoknagar and is the state highway that connects the erstwhile mining town with Tirupati, Vellore and Chennai. The road-widening work began in 2014, but got caught in legal wrangles after owners of some properties moved court. Though the court order favoured road widening, nothing changed on the ground, alleged Roopakala. Some groups with vested interests had managed to halt work stating workers would be rendered homeless, she claimed.

In the protest, she also made the demand. Five hours after she began the protest, Kolar DC C Sathyabama arrived there and assured the MLA authorities would be directed to take up the work. Subsequently, she called off the protest.