

# Transparency of project questioned

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RETIRED IAS officer M N Vijay Kumar questioned the lack of transparency in the steel flyover project on Saturday. He has now written to the government, the Bangalore Development Authority, Larsen & Tubro and STUP Consultants to make all the details available in the public domain. He has also raised questions regarding the tender process.

Kumar says, "It appears that there was no significant activity from STUP. Did the government direct STUP to keep quiet during this period after its blacklisting by the Kerala government was upheld by the High Court of Kerala?"

He further questioned why STUP did not prepare the DPR following the central government norms so that the project could be partially funded by the central government. He says, "It appears that L&T has jointly bid for the steel flyover project along with another construction company. Information in the public domain indicates that the other company was blacklisted by another state government in 2012. That company, after slightly changing its name, had taken up another major project in another state and it appears that on April 21, 2016, the structure built by that company collapsed during the testing stage itself."

