

Seventeenth Loksabha

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Title: Need for construction of Road overbridge in place of underpass at Reddy Thopper near Ambur in Tamil Nadu, provide stoppage of Kaveri Express, Yercaud Express and Samraj Express at Ambur station and construct a bridge at LC-81.

SHRI D.M. KATHIR ANAND (VELLORE): Thank you, hon. Speaker, Sir. Ambur and Vaniyambadi are two important commercial towns in my Vellore Lok Sabha Constituency, and both contribute substantially to foreign exchange and our exchequer.

Construction of a Rail Over Bridge at Vaniyambadi and Reddy Thoppu in Ambur are pending for several years. It is LC – 533. These two RoBs are very important for the passage of commuters of all walks of life including office goers, school and college students. At Reddy Thoppu, the existing underpass is awfully inadequate for large number of commuters who have no other way to cross from both sides. During rain, the underpass gets filled with rain water and sewerage water. This is the plight of people of Ambur, which can be solved only by construction of a RoB at Reddy Thoppu area in Ambur. This construction will benefit the entire area. I have raised this issue many times in this august House, but still this project is pending and it is not being taken up.

Secondly, before Corona started, there were three trains, namely, Kaveri Express, Yercaud Express and Samraj Express, which had stoppage at Ambur station, but after Corona it has no stoppage there. So,

I would request, through the hon. Speaker, to provide stoppage at this station.

Another town is Vaniyambadi where there is a need to construct a bridge at LC – 81 as nearly 120 trains cross LC – 81. Otherwise, people cannot commute from this side to the other and they are all stranded. So, we definitely need a RoB. This project had commenced some years ago, but we do not know the reason for this project getting stopped again. I would request, through the hon. Speaker, to expedite this project of a RoB at Vaniyambadi too. Thank you, Sir.