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Title: Need to improve intra city mobility infrastructure in Bengaluru - laid.

SHRI TEJASVI SURYA (BANGALORE SOUTH) : I wish to draw the attention of the Government towards the issue of crippling public mobility infrastructure in urban India.

For long, we have focused on the mobility of vehicles instead of working on the mobility of people. Widening roads and flyovers ease up traffic congestions but indirectly promote more private vehicles getting onto the road. The solution would be to generate alternative means of public transport but one such facilitator - the suburban rail network - has not been implemented fully for the last 33 years in Bengaluru, a city of 1.3 crore people. Though the government approved the project in February 2019, the SPV is pending.

While the Union Government continues to deliberate with the Government of Karnataka, the existing network of 180 kms of rail line and 50 plus operational stations could be used for intra-city mobility, thereby benefitting millions of daily wage workers, students, IT employees etc. I request the government to expedite the process.