

**Seventeenth Loksabha**

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**Title: Regarding Kappalur Toll Plaza.**

**SHRI MANICKAM TAGORE (VIRUDHUNAGAR):** Hon. Chairman Sir, Vanakkam. Kappalur Toll plaza is situated near Thirumangalam of Madurai district in Tamil Nadu. There is a long pending demand for shifting this toll plaza to some other place. After this Union Government led by Shri Modi came to power, this toll plaza remained as a perennial problem for the people living in and around Thirumangalam of Madurai district for the last 8 years. Vehicle owners and those who work in the Thirumangalam SIPCOT Industrial Estate face a lots of difficulties everyday due to this Kappalur toll plaza. A complete lockdown by traders was organised in Thirumangalam demanding the shifting of this Kappalur toll plaza to a nearby place. Even there was a meeting in this regard with the District Collector. The agitations are continuous held in this area demanding for the shifting of Kappalur toll plaza. I therefore put before you my demand for shifting this toll plaza from Kappalur to Melakottai, which is just 10 kms away. You cannot be acting against the interests of general public. This Kappalur toll plaza is now being run by a team of unruly persons. We are facing several atrocities caused by such unruly persons in this area. Therefore I request the Hon. Union Minister for Highways and Road Transport Shri Nitin Gadkari to order for shifting Kappalur toll plaza to Melakottai which is just 10 kms away. This Union Government led by Shri Modi cannot be keeping such genuine demands pending for more than 8 years without any reason. I once again strongly urge upon the Union Government to take a decision in implementing the shifting of Kappalur toll plaza of Thirumangalam to Melakkottai in Madurai district. Thank you.