

## **Regarding construction of a Railway over bridge across Level Crossing No. 229**

**SHRI S. RAMALINGAM (MAYILADUTHURAI):** As there is no Rail Over Bridge in this area, emergency service ambulances, fire-fighting vehicles find difficulty to ply on this road during extreme emergency situations. Therefore, I urge that an over bridge should be constructed across Level Crossing No 229. A large number of people living in the surrounding areas of Mayiladuthurai Junction held a demonstration and a road blockade on 24.11.2023. The District Collector intervened and gave assurance for forwarding a recommendation in this regard. Till now no work has been started. In every half-an-hour, hundreds of vehicles get stranded on this route due to this level crossing and absence of a Rail over bridge across this railway line. Moreover, I have time and again urged for doubling of the railway line between Mayiladuthurai and Viluppuram. This request is yet to be fulfilled. There is a difficulty in reaching Platform No 3 from Platform No 1 of Mayiladuthurai railway station as there is no escalator facility. I have allocated Rs 3.25 Crore from the MPLAD fund for providing this escalator facility but till now no progress is shown by the Railway Department in this regard. The Railway authorities had also assured to go for renovation of this Mayiladuthurai Railway station with a total cost of Rs 24 Crore but no work has been started since last 2 years. Therefore, I urge that the construction of a Railway over bridge across Level Crossing 229 is an urgent need. Once constructed, this will definitely provide a better connectivity to several tourist places in and around Mayiladuthurai. I therefore urge the Union Government and the Railway Ministry to construct a Railway over bridge across Level Crossing 229 at the earliest. Thank you.