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Title: Need to construct bye-passes in Vellakoil and Kangayam towns in Tamil Nadu with a view to decongest the flow of traffic in the regions.

SHRI S.K. KHARVENTHAN (PALANI): Karur is a textile city and Coimbatore is the Manchester of Southern India in Textiles. The NH 67 is connecting both cities. Four lanning of NH 67 was started to the tune of Rs. 172 crores The towns Velakoil and Kangayam are situated in my Palani Parliamentary Consitency. Vellakoil is a Municipality. Kangayam is a Town Panchayat. Both are the oldest towns in Erode district. The town, Kangayam is famous for bulls and cattles. Kangayam town is having 250 modern rice mills and six export oriented ghee manufacturing units. There are number of industries manufacturing gingely oil and coconut oils. Both the towns are having hundreds of powerloom and handloom textile units. Now number of spinning and hosiery units are also coming up. The holy places like Palani, Sivanmalai, Valankanni, Nagore are enrout through Kangayam and Vellakoil. Due to four-laning, there is a proposal to demolish the buildings on both sides in Kangayam and Vellakoil towns. If the buildings are demolished in both the sides, it will create havoc and very badly affect the people of Vellakoil and Kangayam. Number of government offices, petrol pumps, rice mills, spinning mills and textile units are on the edge of the road. In NH-67, there is heavy traffic between Nagapattinam to Gudalore (Nilgiri District) through Vellakoil and Kangayam. If a bye-pass road is formed in both the towns, it will help the general public of the region and decongest the traffic as well as the buildings on both sides will be saved.

Hence, I humbly request the Hon'ble Minister of Road Transport And Highways to direct the National Highways to direct the National Highway Authorities to construct Bye-passes in Vellakoil and Kangayam and do needful.