Title: Need to expedite completion of Tellichery-Mahe bye-pass at National Highway -17 in Tellichery, Kerala -Laid.

SHRIMATI P. SATHEEDEVI (BADAGARA): The proposed Tellichery-Mahe bye pass is one of the most vital stretch in N.H. 17. The traffic along the existing road between Kannur and Mahe is very congested. Tellichery, the one of the trade centre in the Malabar area requires access from the various part of the state as well as from Karnataka and Pondicherry. The traffic along the road between Km. 177/00. Tellichery to 184/600 Mahe is too congested. The reach from Km 177/00 to Km 179/00 Saitarpalli is perhaps the only reach along the National Highway, which could not accommodate two lane traffic. The traffic allowed through this route is one way. It takes more than half an hour to negotiate a distance of 2 Km in the peak hours. Though the proposal for the bye pass has been active for several years it is not yet sanctioned. The land acquisition for 12 Km is over. Hence the reach should be attended in full or in part immediately. Two bridges are required to be constructed for the completion of the bye pass. Hence the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways should take immediate steps for the completion of this bye pass.