

**Title:** Need to construct a two-way road in Oddanchatram town on Dindigul-Palani-Coimbatore-Bangalore National Highway No. 209 in Tamil Nadu. –Laid.

SHRI S.K. KHARVENTHAN (PALANI) : Oddanchatram town in Dharmapuri district in my Palani Constituency, Tamil Nadu is a commercial town famous for vegetables and milk products. The town has a very huge vegetable and butter market. Thousands of traders belonging to Dindigul, Erode and other nearby districts come to this town for the purpose of trade in vegetables and butter. Moreover, the famous Lord Karthik temple is situated at Palani which is very near to Oddanchatram. Pilgrims visiting Palani temple have to cross Oddanchatram. There is a vast traffic in the town due to its commercial nature and also pilgrim centre located nearby. There has been a long-standing demand for the construction of a two-way road in Oddanchatram town in Dindigul-Palani-Coimbatore-Bangalore Road NH 209. A proposal was also sent to the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways earlier in this regard.

Hence, I request that the work regarding construction of a two-way road in the said highway be taken up at the earliest and necessary funds for the purpose be released forthwith to avoid wastage of fuel, time and energy of the trading community as well as the general public.