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Title: Need to expedite four-laning of NH-7 between Tuticorin and Tirunelveli in Tamil Nadu.

SHRI M. APPADURAI (TENKASI): National Highways No. 7 which was upgraded to be a four lane road that links Tuticorin, the largest port city of Tamil Nadu with Tirunelveli witnessed road expansion work taken up fast till recently. But for the one year the pace of the works have slowed down and it has more or less come to a stand still. This has given rise to traffic hold-ups in several places. Road accidents are also on the increase due to this. Passenger buses and heavy load trucks carrying cargo to the port have to face severe problems. Public have to face great inconvenience because of the non-progress of road expansion works. This delay may also lead to cost escalation further. Hence I urge upon the Union Government to complete this four lane National highways project on NH- & between Tuticorin and Tirunelveli at the earliest by taking suitable measures immediately.