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Title : Need to widen the underpass between the railway track running across Salem town in Tamil Nadu for smooth passage of pedestrian and vehicular traffic.

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There is a long pending demand to widen the underground passage from 3 to 12 feet. This demand remains unfulfilled.

Hence, in the interest of the people of the area and to meet their just demand, the Ministry of Railways must take action on priority to widen the passage underneath the railway track.