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Title: Need to construct a by-pass road at Kinathukadavu in Pollachi Parliamentary Constituency, Tamil Nadu.

SHRI K. SUGUMAR (POLLACHI): Hon. Chairman, Sir, I welcome the intention of the NHAI to provide good road connectivity at NH-209 between Dindigul to Sathyamangalam *via* Udumalpet Pollachi and Kinathukadavu. Kinathukadavu, an assembly segment of my Parliamentary Constituency Pollachi in Tamil Nadu is a Town Panchayat. The approximate population of this Town Panchayat is more than 25,000. Most of the people are poor agriculturists, small and medium businessmen. They are having small houses and business centres in the main road of Kinathukadavu.

Now, there is a proposal with the NHAI for conversion of the existing two-lane road of NH-209 into four-lane, which will result, the demolition of the houses of poor agriculturists and business centres of small and medium businessmen. There are Government Offices and the Lord Murugan Temple, which is 750 years old, on the main road of Kinathukadavu. They will be affected by the proposed conversion.

The people of Kinathukadavu are requesting for the formation of a by-pass road instead of converting the existing NH-209 to save their small properties.

On behalf of the public, I would earnestly request the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways to drop the present proposal of conversion of NH-209 passing through Kinathukadavu to save the public and instead to form a by-pass road at Kinathukadavu.