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Title: Regarding opening of the LC-62 gate or order construction of a subway adjacent to the LC-62 gate

SHRIMATI R. VANAROJA (TIRUVANNAMALAI): Respected Deputy Speaker, Sir, I thank you for giving me the opportunity to speak.

The LC-62 gate is situated in-between Villupuram Junction and Katpadi, about 76 kilometres away from Villupuram towards Katpadi. People from Usambadi, Sathiram, Pudi Mannai, Karunduvambadi, Otteri and many other villages have been using the LC-62 gate since time immemorial. They are using this gate to go to Thuringapuram railway station, Government Primary Health Centre, government schools, Panchayat Union Office, post office, rice mills etc.

Unfortunately, now the Gate No. 62 remains closed and the local population is put to hardship. The villagers, who are residing at western side of the railway road, are having more than 265 acres of agricultural land on the other side. So, they find it very difficult to carry manure, fertilizers and cattle to those fields. Even to reach the LC-63 gate from LC-62 Gate is very difficult because either sides have no service roads.

I shall, therefore, request the hon. Minister of Railways to consider reopening of the above mentioned LC-62 gate or order construction of a subway adjacent to the LC-62 gate.