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Title:Need to construct a railway over bridge at level crossing gate No. 438 between Raibagh town and Chinchili village in Belagavi district in Chikkodi Parliamentary Constituency, Karnataka.

SHRI PRAKASH B. HUKKERI (CHIKKODI): Hon. Deputy Speaker Sir, I would like to draw the attention of the hon. Minister of Railways towards the urgency of construction of a railway over bridge at Level Crossing Gate No. 438.

Level Crossing Gate No. 438 falls between Raibagh town and Chinchili village in Belagavi district in Karnataka State. Every day, thousands of people from the surrounding areas such as Harugeri, Mugalkhod, Morab, Alagawadi, Bekkeri and several other villages are using the railway crossing. Since there is no ROB at the railway gate, people are facing great inconvenience.

As Raibagh town is a commercial hub and Miraj town is located on the Karnataka-Maharashtra border and also famous for specialized hospital, every day traders, students, office-goers and particularly patients are suffering a lot in the absence of an ROB at the Level Crossing Gate No. 438. About 30 trains move on the said railway section every day.

People including representatives of Gram Panchayat and Taluka Panchayats of the surrounding areas are demanding for an ROB at Level Crossing Gate No. 438.

I also wrote a letter in this regard and I am very much disappointed to know that the Manager, Divisional Office, SWR, Hubli has responded in a very casual manner to this important issue in a communication sent by him.

Hence, I would like to request that keeping in view the growing traffic and road accidents, the Ministry of Railways should take immediate effective steps to construct an ROB at Level Crossing Gate no. 438.