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Title: Need to expedite the four laning work on NH-67 and construct bridges and flyovers in Coimbatore.

SHRI P. NAGARAJAN (COIMBATORE): Coimbatore with a population of 2.5 million is known for its progressive and industrious outlook. The Manchester of South India has also become the Educational and Health hub and offers a variety of viable industrial and social growth, beating the rest in South India.

To facilitate easy and fast movement of the people and products, the 174 KM stretch of National Highway (NH-67) from Chindamanipudur to Kakanadu via Coimbatore, Periyanaickenpalayam, Mettupalayam needs to be converted into four lane.

The 24 KM stretch from Chindamanipudur to Narasimmanaickenpalayam has already been widened. But in the remaining stretch four laning is yet to be done. Over bridge and flyover are also required for easy, smooth passing of vehicles at Saibaba colony Kavundanpalayarn, Thudiyalur, Narasimmanaickenpalayam and Periyanaickenpalayam junctions to avoid traffic jams.

Therefore, I urge the Government to expedite the four laning work on NH-67 and construct over bridges and flyovers at important junctions in Coimbatore.