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Title: Need to use modern technology for construction of Railway underpasses and repair of old underpasses at various places in Dharwad Parliamentary Constituency in Karnataka.

SHRI PRALHAD JOSHI (DHARWAD): I have received many complaints and representations especially from people of rural areas in my Constituency, Dharwad, Karnataka that Rail Underpasses in different places are either narrow in width or short in height thereby putting hurdles for vehicles to pass through carrying agricultural produce from farms to markets.

It was also brought to my notice that these Rail Underpasses are not properly maintained after they are opened for public use. These Underpasses are constructed and left to their fate without any periodical maintenance. Most of the Rail Underpasses are constructed in such a way that during rainy days, water logging at those Underpasses is common and people are unable to pass through till the water is drained out. The Railway administration is neither attending to this nor is providing any urgent relief. Very recently, I have visited many such Rail underpasses personally along with senior officers of Railways and found out the deplorable condition of such Rail Underpasses like LC gate No-24 near Kalas village Railway station. In this background, I request that the Railway administration needs to look into this problem with a new perspective. There is also an urgent need to change the existing norms with regard to height and width of such Underpasses so that they can be people and vehicles friendly.

So I urge upon the Government to consider for use of new technology and innovative methods for construction of Rail Underpasses and also repair the old Rail Underpasses at various places in Dharwad parliamentary constituency.