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Title: Regarding construction of outer ring road around Salem City.

SHRI V. PANNEERSELVAM (SALEM): Thank you, respected Deputy-Speaker Sir.

I would like to highlight traffic congestion in my Salem parliamentary constituency, Tamil Nadu.

The national highway NH-7 passes through the Salem City. The National Highway roads NH-47 and NH-68 start from Salem City. In addition, the State Highway road SH-18 also starts from Salem City. The vehicles passing through these NH and SH roads generate traffic congestion in Salem City.

In order to decongest the traffic, an outer ring had been proposed by NHAI under NHDP Phase-VII for a length of 60 kilometres around Salem City connecting all National Highways mentioned earlier. This scheme is pending since 2008. The outer ring road would no doubt reduce fifty per cent of the traffic flow.

I request the hon. Minister of Road Transport and Highways to take suitable steps for the construction of the said outer ring road.