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Title: Need to construct a bye-pass on National Highway No.7 near Dindigul town in Tamil Nadu.

SHRI M. UDHAYAKUMAR (DINDIGUL): Madam Speaker, Vanakkam.

With the blessings and guidance of our hon. Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, Puratchi Thalaivi Amma, Dindigul has developed in a big way as a city corporation and also it has been selected under the Smart City Scheme. The Government of Tamil Nadu under the leadership of our Amma has installed automatic traffic signal system on prime road junctions. Sufficient police personnel are also deployed at points, and police personnel are posted at each signal point for the safety of pedestrians.

In spite of that, traffic congestion is becoming significantly worse and more widespread. Scores of residential colonies, commercial development along the roadside and a slew of educational institutions have come up along the highway, which has generated huge/ heavy vehicle traffic.

The heavy volume of traffic has triggered a demand for an outer ring road to avoid the inter-city vehicle traffic congestion within the city.

An Outer Ring Road (ORR) or popularly known as the ring road, a four-lane highway like road, which encircles the Dindigul city, is the only solution. The objective is of relieving the congestion within the city and also for catalyzing even dispersal of urban growth.

This proposed project will reduce congestion in the heart of the city by diverting vehicles from the following highways that are not intended to reach Dindigul but are just passing through:-

1. Karur-Dindigul road
2. Kuzhiliamparai-Nandavanapatti road
3. Trichy-Seelapadi road
4. Natham, Siluvathur-MM Kovilur road
5. Madurai road
6. Vathalakundu road, and
7. Palani bypass road

When an outer ring road is constructed, all these highways intersect the Outer Ring Road at some point, about five kilometres from the city, and they will connect to the four-lane road to prevent all the heavy vehicles from entering into the town. This proposed Outer Ring Road will serve as a bypass as well as a city road for the city.

I urge upon the Central Government to approve and sanction fund from the Central Road Fund for the proposed Outer Ring Road.

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