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**Title:** Need for construction of a railway overbridge near Ulundurpet in Tamil Nadu.

SHRI M.C. DHAMOTHARAN (CUDDALORE): Sir, the lifeline of the railway network in Tamil Nadu, the chord line, is a very busy BG line between Chennai and Madurai. This BG line crosses two important highways near Ulundurpet. These two roads are, NH-45 between Chennai-Trichy and a State highway between Cuddalore-Coimbatore via Salem. Since it is a level crossing, the heavy traffic on these two roads get chocked very frequently, causing great inconvenience.

Agricultural products from the southern districts of Tamil Nadu are transported to Madras and the adjoining areas by trucks and lorries through this NH-45. Same way, the raw materials and electrical components for the cottage, small and medium industries in the southern districts are transported from Chennai on this route. It is so important a road for Tamil Nadu that, if traffic on this route is cut off a few hours, it will affect the daily life of people in many parts of Tamil Nadu.

The Cuddalore-Coimbatore road via Salem is also a busy route because inter-State travel and transportation of goods from Kerala and Karnataka to Tamil Nadu take place through this route.

Since Coimbatore is the Manchester of South India and Salem is a business centre and traffic junction line line on this route, the traffic is generally heavy. Therefore, the crossing of these two roads near Ulundurpet is in itself a problem for smooth traffic.

As such, it is suggested that the railway line could be elevated at this place to solve this problem. I request the Government to order for an immediate survey near Ulundurpet and begin construction of railway over-bridge at that crossing without delay.