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Title: Need for construction of Railway over-bridge in Cuddalore Town, Tamil Nadu.

SHRI M.C. DHAMOTHARAN (CUDDALORE): Sir, Cuddalore is a historical town with an ancient port and it is also a district headquarters. The World Bank funded Eastern Coast Highways from Chennai passes through Cuddalore. Hence, there is a need to avoid traffic congestion. An alternative road to handle fast moving vehicles is a must.

Thiruppathiripuliyur Railway Station is in Cuddalore town. Chennai mainline linking Thanjavur, Nagapattinam, Rameswaram, Tirupathi, Madurai passes through Cuddalore. Hence the level crossing on Cuddalore-Tirukkivilur Anicut Road divides east and west of the town. People on their way to railway station and main market have to go through this level crossing. Since the line handles more traffic and the gates are closed often, this causes heavy traffic snarl-up.

Hence, I humbly request the Ministry of Railways to construct a railway over-bridge there at the earliest to ease congestion. So, I request the Central Government to allocate funds for this above-mentioned railway over-bridge.

Now that the gauge conversion work in the Villupuram-Thanjavur main line during this financial year is on, it becomes all the more important to construct a railway over-bridge in Cuddalore.