

Regarding need for construction of road over bridge at Level Crossing No. 367 and other railway infrastructure in Virudhunagar Parliamentary Constituency, Tamil Nadu-Laid

SHRI B. MANICKAM TAGORE (VIRUDHUNAGAR): I like to bring attention to a critical issue that directly impacts the safety and well-being of the people in my Parliamentary Constituency, Virudhunagar. A longstanding demand from the local residents, especially students, has been the construction of a Road Over Bridge (ROB) at Level Crossing (LC) No. 367, located at Railway KM 497/6 and 497/9. This crossing connects Azagappa Nagar to Madurai Junction and Tiruparankundram Railway Station. It poses a significant safety risk, particularly to the students from the nearby schools, who often have to wait long hours to cross the tracks. The situation has become untenable, and it is essential that we prioritize their safety by expediting the construction of the ROB. Additionally, the immediate allocation of Rs. 2000 crore special funds to address this issue and facilitate the upgradation of the Madurai-Aruppukottai-Thoothukudi Railway Line to improve connectivity; development of Tiruparankundram Station to ease congestion at Madurai Junction; and inclusion of the Madurai Metro Project to enhance transportation for the people of Madurai and Virudhunagar. These infrastructure developments contribute significantly to the region's economic growth and quality of life. I urge the Government to act promptly on this matter.