

Need to review decision to drop the proposed ROB at Level Crossing No. 367 between Madurai and Tirupparankundram in Tamil Nadu -Laid

SHRI B. MANICKAM TAGORE (VIRUDHUNAGAR): I would like to express my deep concern over the decision to drop the proposed Road Over Bridge (ROB) at Level Crossing No. 367 between Madurai and Tirupparankundram. This project, sanctioned under a cost-sharing arrangement with the Tamil Nadu Government, was critical for easing traffic and ensuring the safety of thousands of daily commuters. The justification given—that traffic can be diverted through an existing ROB cum subway located 700 meters away—is simply not practical. In a fast-growing urban region, such diversions only add to congestion, delays, and safety hazards. The public continues to face long waiting times and accidents at this unmanned crossing. Now, the state proposes a subway at the location, but the work is stuck through the railway authorities at the stage of preparing the Technical Feasibility Report and DPR. There is no clarity on timelines or commitment. This is unacceptable. I urge the Government to immediately allocate necessary funds, give the formal go-ahead, and treat this matter as urgent. The work must be taken up on a war footing to safeguard the interests of the public and to fulfil long-pending infrastructure needs. Let development not be derailed by delay and indecision.