

**Regarding Need for construction of a rail over bridge at the level crossing near Lakkidi Railway Station under Palakkad division, Kerala-Laid**

**SHRI V. K. SREEKANDAN (PALAKKAD):** It has been a long pending demand for construction of a rail over bridge at the level crossing adjacent to Lakkidi Railway Station under Palakkad Division. This level crossing or gate comes in between Thrissur and Palakkad districts and it is a busiest route having enormous vehicular movement day and night. People living on both sides of this level crossing have to approach hospitals in Thrissur and Ottapalam for urgent medical assistance. However, the railway gate remains closed most of the time as more than 100 trains of both goods and passengers pass through this railway level crossing, resulting in heavy traffic jams on both sides of the gate and it is a regular phenomenon there. The people have no other option to avoid this level crossing and they have to pass through this gate irrespective of the difficulties they foresee every day. Sometimes we witness a row of ambulances carrying patients and corpses waiting for the gate to open. The issue was brought to the notice of all concerned from time to time since last several years. It is requested that an ROB at level crossing adjacent to Lakkidi Railway Station be constructed urgently.