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Title: Need to expedite construction of a road over bridge on Railway Gate No. 1 near Hubli city in Dharwad Parliamentary Constituency, Karnataka.

SHRI PRALHAD JOSHI (DHARWAD): Sir, thank you for giving me this opportunity. Hubli-Dharwad is the second-largest city in the State of Karnataka after Bangalore, and three National Highways (NH) pass through the city. On one of these highways, that is, on National Highway No. 63 there is a Railway level crossing gate that is called Gate No. 1. It is in the midst of the city, which is creating a lot of traffic jam and traffic hazards.

The Railways have proposed to construct a RUB on this NH to avoid it after repeated appeals, requests and agitations. This was also announced in the 2009-2010 Railway Budget, and Rs. 6.5 crore was earmarked for this as the Railways' share. It is around 50 per cent of the cost of the RUB. But since there is no momentum from the Ministry of Surface Transport and nothing is done so far, therefore, I urge both the Ministry of Railways and the Ministry of Surface Transport to take up the work of RUB on Gate No. 1 on NH 63 immediately. Otherwise, the people are going to agitate as there is a lot of traffic hazard, and it is creating a lot of problems as it is within the city. I once again urge both the Ministries to take up the work immediately. Thank you.