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Title : Need to build a sub-way on N.H. – 67 to connect BHEL and Residential Staff Quarters at Ganesa Point in Tiruchirappalli, Tamil Nadu.

SHRI P. KUMAR (TIRUCHIRAPPALLI): Thank you, Mr. Chairman, Sir. Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (BHEL), Tiruchirappalli, is one of the premier power plant equipment manufacturing companies and one of the largest public sector companies under the Ministry of Heavy Industries. It has one of the largest boiler manufacturing facilities. It is a profit-making *Navratna* public sector unit. I would like to submit that on an average in a year, this plant handles around five to six lakh metric tonnes of raw materials or finished component through the National Highway 67.

There are around 11,000 employees working in the BHEL unit at Tiruchirappalli. The employees' staff quarters and the BHEL factory are divided by NH-67 as south and north parts. The BHEL Factory Phase I & II, SSTP, and Kamarajapuram residential area are situated on the south part of the National Highway, while Kailasapuram and the above-mentioned staff quarters are situated on the north part of the National Highway. More than 20,000 people used to cross this National Highway 67 as pedestrians. Without proper underpass, they are facing a huge problem while crossing the road. The heavy traffic on National Highway 67 has caused more accidents. Last year, more than 20 people lost their lives in the accidents.

There is a long pending demand from the people for an underpass for easy access to the area on both sides of the National Highway. On behalf of the public, I appeal to the Government, through this House, for construction of an underpass near Township Main Entrance Training Centre, Tiruvarampur on the National Highway 67 and allow the traffic between the BHEL Factory and the Township through this underpass.