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Title: Need to construct a fly-over bridge on NH-7 connecting NHs 47 and 68 to ensure hassle free movement of traffic.

SHRI S. SEMMALAI (SALEM): Thank you, Mr. Chairman, Sir, for permitting me to bring an important public issue pertaining to my home town to the notice of the hon. Minister of Road Transport and Highways.

Salem is one of the fast developing two-tier cities in Tamil Nadu. Three major National Highways, namely, NH 7, NH 47, and NH 68 pass through the city. These three National Highways carry heavy traffic and the existing roads passing through Salem are heavily congested. These three National Highways bisect Salem city at more than 12 important points and also in number of places feeder roads are cutting.

In order to ease the traffic congestion on the NH 7 connecting NH 47 and NH 68, a proposal to construct an elevated express carriageway, that is flyover bridge, is under consideration. The elevation starts from km. 196 on the NH 7 and ends at km. 207.6 at the intersection of NH 68 with an exist at km. 204.5 to connect NH 47, which has an existing flyover on NH 47. This will provide smooth flow of traffic on the NH 7, NH 47 and NH 68.

So, considering the importance of the proposal, the Ministry may be pleased to expedite the said proposal to sanction the same at the earliest.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman, Sir, for having given me this opportunity.