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Title: Need to provide road underpass from Tiruchirapalli to Golden Rock Railway Workshop at G Corner on NH-45.

SHRI P. KUMAR (TIRUCHIRAPPALLI): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. In my Parliamentary Constituency, Golden Rock Workshop is one of the primary Railway workshops in which around 5,000 employees are working and there are around 3,200 quarters within the Ponmalai area. The Golden Rock Railway Workshop is involved in wagon production, periodical overhauling of wagons, overhauling of diesel locomotives and steam locomotives.

Divisional Railway Hospital is also located at Ponmalai; the injured passengers, during the times of accidents are to be brought to this hospital through NH-45 Road. Several schools are also located within this Ponmalai Complex in which more than 2,000 students are carrying on their studies.

Ponmalai Railway Station is also situated in this area and the passengers are used to travel through NH-45 to reach the Railway Station. The raw materials for the workshop at Golden Rock are being transported through NH-45. City buses are plying through the Ponmalai Colony from Central Bus Stand towards various villages like Ponmalaipatty, Melakalkandarkottai, Rail Nagar and Ambikapuram near the workshop.

The construction of four lane in NH-45 has already been completed. At present, the NH authorities have diverted the traffic in service road from Toll Gate to G-Corner. Due to the heavy traffic congestion, the accidents are occurring frequently. In order to ease the present traffic congestion and to prevent recurrence of frequent accidents, there is an urgent need for construction of one subway in NH-45 at G-Corner point. The authorities of the Ministries of Railways and the Road Transport and Highways will have to sit together with the authorities of the District Administration to arrive at an amicable solution for the construction of the subway which is a long pending demand of the people of my constituency.