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Title: Need to revive rail overhead bridge at Chinthalpadi in Dharmapuri Parliamentary Constituency in Tamil Nadu.

SHRI R. THAMARAISELVAN (DHARMAPURI): Mr. Chairman, I would like to bring to the kind notice of the Government an important issue pertaining to my constituency. In the year 2005, the Railway had banned the use of the 100 year old rail overhead bridge at Chinthalpadi situated at a distance of 11.4 kms. between Harur and Mookkanur ODR Highway falling in my Parliamentary constituency because of its dilapidated condition. Because of this ban, for the last seven years, the people are using the adjacent mud road for all purposes, including heavy vehicular movement. More than a lakh of people surrounding this area have been affected very badly because of abandonment of this bridge. They are not able to move their agricultural produce and other goods. During rainy season their life becomes more miserable. The District Collector of Dharmapuri has made a written request to me to revive this bridge and indicated the estimated cost for the revival of this bridge at nearly one crore rupees.

Therefore, I urge upon the hon. Minister of Railways to direct the Southern Railway to reconstruct the above said rail overhead bridge at Chinthalpadi situated at a distance of 11.4 kms. between Harur and Mookkanur ODR Highway falling in my Dharmapuri Parliamentary constituency forthwith.