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Title: Need to provide additional opening at Major bridge No. 559 on Cuttack-Barang Section in East Coast Railway Zone.

SHRI BHARTRUHARI MAHTAB (CUTTACK): Major Bridge No. 559 (12x1220 m plate girder) has been constructed across Puri Main Canal and Barang Nullah on the existing single line of Cuttack-Barang Section in East Coast Railway Zone. On the downstream side of this bridge is the new bridge of span 1x30.5m + 2x61 m (Steel with girder), which is under construction for doubling of this section. There is a road laid on the left hand side canal-bund of the said canal and this road passes under the steel girder of span No. 1 at Cuttack end. As the vertical clearance is less, road level has been lowered under the steel girder of existing bridge and the clearance so obtained is also 3.50 m. Height gauges have been fixed on either side of this girder to permit road vehicles of height less than 3.20 m. Formation level of doubling at this location being equal to the existing one, I would request the Government to make similar arrangement under the steel girder of span 30.5 over Span No. 1.

As the construction work been taken by the RVNL-Bhubaneswar and the possible vertical clearance can be provided as has been done in the existing girder by lowering the road level, adequate arrangement be planned to prevent flooding when the canal runs at full supply level.

Therefore, I urge upon the Government to provide additional opening at Major Bridge No. 559 for greater interest of the public.