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Title: Need to widen Railway Bridge No. 360-K at Salem-Bangluru route.

SHRI K. ASHOK KUMAR (KRISHNAGIRI): Thank you, Chairman, Sir, for giving me this opportunity to speak on the subject of widening of Railway Bridge no.360-K at Salem-Bengaluru route. I also thank our hon. Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu 'Amma' for giving me an opportunity to be a parliamentarian.

There is a small railway bridge on Salem-Bengaluru railway route. The people of Krishnagiri district, Danganikottai taluk, Kelamangalam Union Thimjepalli and Thottathil Manapalli panchayat use this bridge to reach Dharmapuri. Due to congestion on the bridge the people cover extra 30 kilometres to reach Dharmapuri. Similarly, the people living in Dharmapuri, Palacode, Marandalli and Panjapalli villages have to cover 30 kilometres to reach Hosur. As the small bridge is not suitable for vehicular traffic, the farmers cannot take their farm products to the market for sale.

Sir, I request you to allocate funds for widening of this small bridge so that the people of above mentioned villages could travel between Dharmapuri and Hosur easily and in time.

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