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Title: Need to construct a bridge or underpass on NH-45 at Kootteripattu village under Arani Parliamentary Constituency, Tamil Nadu.

SHRI V. ELUMALAI (ARANI): I would like to draw the attention of the Government towards the dire need to take up immediate steps to construct a bridge or underpass on NH-45 at Kootteripattu village which is 130 kilometers from Chennai under Arani Parliamentary Constituency in Tamil Nadu to avoid accidents. Pedestrians are being hit by the speeding vehicles due to lack of a bridge to reach another village or town as it is a junction. So far about 200 people died and more than 1000 people were injured due to accidents on this highway.

It is learnt that a former Hon'ble Minister for Road Transport & Highways had given instructions to the concerned officials to take necessary steps to construct a over bridge or under pass. But, so far, nothing happened. Detailed Project Report for the construction of elevated bridge or under pass road at Kootteripattu junction (Mailam-Pondy Road-SH 136 and Vellimedupettai " Mailam Road " MD 739) should be taken up immediately. There is heavy traffic density on NH 45 even after completion of four lanes by NHAI. Mailam " Pondy Road (SH-136) and Vellimedupettai-Mailam Road (MD-739) are branching on NH-45 and no under pass has been provided at the junction of NH 45, SH 136 and MD 739 to facilitate easy traffic movement along NH 45. There is heavy traffic and the location is accident-prone due to uncontrolled speeding of vehicles. The local people are very much agitated. Hence, I request the Hon'ble Minister for Road Transport & Highways to take up this project on an urgent basis by directing the Road Transport and National Highways Authorities.