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Title: Need to construct a road overbridge on level crossing no.1 on the Hubli-Gadag stretch of National Highway no.63 in Karnataka.

SHRI PRALHAD JOSHI (DHARWAD): Hubli in Karnataka is the second largest city in the State in terms of population and area after Bengaluru. This city is joined by three National Highways viz. NH-4 Bengaluru-Pune, NH-218 Hubli-Vijaypur and NH-63 Ankol-Gooty and all the three National Highways have heavy traffic movement. There is a Railway Gate No-I, a manned Gate across NH-63 on the outskirts of city on the Hubli-Gadag stretch where thousands of vehicles get stranded causing traffic congestion. There is a proposal for construction of ROB on this Railway gate to ease out the traffic congestion which was sanctioned in 2010 Railway Budget at the cost of Rs 20 crores on cost sharing basis. Now the State of Karnataka has also conveyed its sanction of its share and despite this the matter is not moving fast and people of the region are restless for this inordinate delay. This ROB needs to be constructed at the earliest in the interest of development of this region and also to avoid traffic hazards. I urge the Government and especially the Ministry of Railways to expedite the matter. ...(*Interruptions*)