

**Title:** Need to provide better road and rail facilities in Vandavasi Parliamentary Constituency in Tamil Nadu.-  
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SHRI M. DURAI (VANDAVASI): Vandavasi constituency in Tamil Nadu is not having proper road communication facilities. Even an important road that links Vandavasi with Tindivanam via Kanjivaram is in a hazardous condition. The famous Hindu saint Sankaracharya's Mutt is in Kanjivaram thereby attracting several people to take this route to reach the shrine. Hence I request the Union Government to include it in the National Highway map and provide six lane wide road. Tirupathi and Pondicherry are connected through this Tindivanam route. Hence the road handles many buses and trucks in their inter-State transit. The Union Government may initiate action to provide super highway roads which will give impetus to the development of our area. Thiruvannamalai and Gingee attract a number of tourists and pilgrims. Near the approach to Thiruvannamalai, there is a level crossing which is often closed due to heavy rail traffic. Thousands of cargo and other vehicles pass through this way and hence an overbridge must be constructed there at the earliest. Therefore, Melmaruvathur, an emerging pilgrim centre, needs to have a better wide road linking Thiruvannamalai via Vandavasi and Chetput. In addition to this, the Union Government may direct the Ministry of Railways to lay a new railway line on this route and also another rail route between Tindivanam and Kanjivaram via Vandavasi. This road and rail infrastructural development in this area will greatly benefit more than four districts like North Arcot, South Arcot, Thiruvannamalai and Chingleput to have economic development.

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... (Interruptions)

SHRI RUPCHAND PAL (HOOGLY): Sir, there are Members who are yet to speak on the discussion.

MR. SPEAKER: I would like to take the sense of the House. The Chair would like to know whether the House would take up half-an-hour discussion or not.

... (Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER: Shri N.K. Premachandran.

... (Interruptions)

प्रो. सैफुद्दीन सोज़ (बारामूला): मैं तो बहुत ही ब्रीफ में बोलूंगा, मगर मुझे बोलना है। इससे तो डिसिप्लिन खराब हो जायेगा। मैं आज ही श्रीनगर से आया हूँ।

अध्यक्ष महोदय : अभी नहीं, बाद में सुनूंगा।

... (Interruptions)

SHRI BASU DEB ACHARIA (BANKURA): Sir, you may please allow Shri Suresh Kurup to speak for five minutes on the foreign policy of India...(Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER: There is another discussion under Rule 193. He may speak on that discussion.

... (Interruptions)