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Title: Need to construct bye-pass roads and road bridges in Vellore Parliamentary Constituency, Tamil Nadu

SHRI B. SENGUTTUVAN (VELLORE): National Highway No 234 between Villupuram in TN and Mangalore in Karnataka runs through Vellore City and Gudiyattam Town, both are most populous urban centres in the Vellore Parliamentary Constituency. In Vellore, NH 234 bisects the city running across the entire length of the city to a distance of nearly 15 KMs. It is the main arterial road choking with exponential increase in vehicular traffic. Traffic can hardly move through the road during peak hours and road accidents are dime a dozen. An astounding number of persons have either lost their lives or sustained crippling injuries. The answer to this problem is by providing a 21-KM stretch of by-pass from Vandranthangal and up to Kandaneri, where it would intersect NH 48. A flyover should be provided at the point of intersection between NH 234 and 48 at Kandaneri, which is also an accident-prone area. This by-pass would facilitate the vehicles, particularly the heavy vehicles, proceeding to Sripuram Golden Temple, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka etc., to pass by the Vellore City in a relatively short time and would ease the congestion within the City. In Vellore, NH 234 intersects NH 48, wherein a traffic circle, called Green Circle, is occupying an enormous area of the road defeating the very purpose of its

provision. It severely constricts and restricts the traffic causing traffic jams. The size of it should be reduced drastically. The old Palar Bridge, which is about 5 decades old, connecting Vellore and Katpadi, situated on NH 234, is narrow and has become dilapidated. A new two-way bridge is required to be constructed. So also, the railway overbridge at Katpadi Junction situated on NH 234, has become dilapidated and it requires to be rebuilt to accommodate the increase in vehicular traffic. Gudiyattam is the second most populous town in Vellore District. NH 234 passes through the length of Gudiyattam Town and is choked to brim with traffic, even when it is converted into one-way road. A 7.5 KM long by-pass from Sethuvandai to Nellorepet would ease the congestion. I urge the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways, to expeditiously sanction these bypass roads with a view to reduce the hardships faced by the people and to reduce the number of road accidents.