

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1714
ANSWERED ON 5TH DECEMBER, 2024**

CONGESTION ON ROAD IN DAVANAGERE

1714. DR. PRABHA MALLIKARJUN:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

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be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware of the urgent congestion and traffic hazards posed by the narrow underpass bridge at the 253.47 km chainage of NH-48 near S.S. Hospital, Davanagere, which accommodates approximately 166 KSRTC buses and 382 heavy vehicles daily and if so, the details thereof;**
- (b) the measures that are being taken to ensure timely access and reduce traffic-related delays caused by the underpass considering the critical role of S.S. Institute of Medical Sciences & Research Centre, which handles 1000-1500 OPD patients daily and many emergency cases;**
- (c) whether the Government has conducted any feasibility study to assess the impact of widening this underpass on traffic flow, commuter safety and accident reduction, if so, the details thereof;**
- (d) the Government's plan and timeline for addressing this bottleneck to enhance road safety and reduce traffic congestion on NH-48; and**
- (e) whether any additional resources would be allocated to expedite the widening of this crucial underpass to facilitate smoother goods and passenger transportation?**

**ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS**

(SHRI NITIN JAIRAM GADKARI)

(a) and (b) Yes Sir, the mentioned location is at Km 257.450 (size 2 x 4m x 4.5m) and not at km 253.470, wherein Light Vehicular Underpass (LVUP) has been constructed. Traffic congestion appears to occur during peak hours, primarily due to movement of buses and other large vehicles using the LVUP, which is not designed to accommodate heavy vehicles such as Trucks and Buses. For movement of Trucks and Buses, a Vehicular Underpass (VUP) of size 2 x 10.5m x 5.5m at km 259.700 has been provided.

(c) to (e) NHAI has already analyzed the location and it is proposed to install height restriction barriers of 3.5 meters at the LVUP on Km 257.450 to prevent the unauthorized movement of heavy vehicles.
