

problem for travellers. There is a strong demand from public for flyover at this crossing. More than 30,000 people, including residents of Curtorim in Navelim constituency of South Goa districts as well as surrounding villages including Margao city, will benefit from the much needed infrastructure.

Adequate land is available adjacent to the city near Railway crossing, making the flyover construction technically and logistically feasible. Additionally, no major residential areas will be affected, which makes the project viable without displacement concern.

Mr. Deputy Chairman, Sir, this flyover will significantly reduce congestion and accommodate the increased traffic from the upcoming educational hub at Davorlim, which will house over 30 schools from Margao city and surrounding constituencies. I urge the Government to take necessary steps for its construction at the earliest to improve transportation for the people of Goa.

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: The following hon. Members associated themselves with the matter raised by hon. Member, Shri Sadanand Mhalu Shet Tanavade: Shri Mithlesh Kumar (Uttar Pradesh), Shri S. Selvaganabathy (Puducherry), Dr. Anil Sukhdeorao Bonde (Maharashtra), Shri Dhananjay Bhimrao Mahadik (Maharashtra), Dr. Ajeet Madhavrao Gopchade (Maharashtra), Shri Rameswar Teli (Assam) and Shri Narhari Amin (Gujarat).

Shri Sanjay Yadav, not present; Shri Abdul Wahab — Need to sensitise the youth of the country.

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SHRI ABDUL WAHAB (Kerala): Mr. Deputy Chairman, Sir, Kerala has seen a notable surge in drug-related cases. There is an alarming rise in the usage of synthetic drugs particularly. There is an increasing trend of involvement of young people including minors in drug-abuse and trafficking cases. Several reports highlight that even children, as young as ten years' old, are experimenting with drugs. This has led to increase in concerns of officials and parents as well.

Sir, there is easy availability of synthetic drugs. Factors that contribute to this rise are: Use of online platform and courier services for drug trafficking, spread of drug abuse beyond urban centres into rural areas, and, peer pressure. The Government of Kerala is taking steps to address the issue through increasing law enforcement efforts and anti-narcotics campaign. There is also a growing social response with increased awareness campaigns and community involvement. The

religious groups are involving themselves in these anti-drug campaigns. There has been increased focus on rehabilitation and de-addiction programmes.

Sir, discrepancy between the number of cases registered and number of convictions and, increased use of minors in drug-trafficking are some of the concerns. It is learnt that the sources of drugs moving to Kerala are the drug agents mainly in metropolitan cities like Delhi-NCR and Bangalore, etc.

Yesterday, the Indian Navy caught a big haul of drugs, around 2.5 tonnes of hashish and all off the coast of Cochin. I urge the Union Government to look into the matter with utmost seriousness and give direction to the Narcotics Control Bureau to work in close co-ordination with Kerala State Policy and the Excise Department to eliminate the major drug lords located in metropolitan cities. Thank you.

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: The following hon. Members associated themselves with the matter raised by hon. Member, Shri Abdul Wahab: Shri Haris Beeran (Kerala), Shri R. Girirajan (Tamil Nadu), Shri Niranjan Bishi (Odisha), Dr. John Brittas (Kerala), Dr. Fauzia Khan (Maharashtra), Shri P. Wilson (Tamil Nadu), Shri Anil Kumar Yadav Mandadi (Telangana) and Shrimati Jebi Mather Hisham (Kerala).

Now, Shri Mukul Balkrishna Wasnik, not present; Shri Samik Bhattacharya — Demand to take steps to protect and restore Adinath Temple in Malda, West Bengal.

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West Bengal**

SHRI SAMIK BHATTACHARYA (West Bengal): Sir, I would like to draw the attention of this august House to a matter of profound cultural and historical significance, that is, protection and restoration of Adinath Temple in Malda, West Bengal. The Adina mosque located in Pandua, Malda District was constructed in 1373 AD by Sultan Sikandar Shah of Bengal sultanate. This mosque was built using material of pre-existing Hindu and Buddhist structure including curved basel masonry and other architectural elements.

Notably, the carvings and motifs associated with Hindu deities such as Lord Vishnu and Lord Ganesha as well as lotus flower designs, sacred in Hinduism, are visible in various parts of this mosque. Local traditions and historical accounts suggest that the site was originally home to Adinath Temple dedicated to Lord Shiva and Lord Vishnu. The presence of Hindu iconography within the mosque and architecture support this assertion. Furthermore, during restoration, damaged *shivalingas* were reportedly discovered on the premises, underscoring the site of