

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO- 105
ANSWERED ON – 07/12/2022

CHENNAI-VELLORE AND CHENNAI-PUDUCHERRY NH EXPANSION PROJECTS

105. SHRI K.R.N. RAJESHKUMAR:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that, Chennai-Vellore and Chennai-Puducherry NH expansion projects are progressing very slow which affects the general public;
- (b) if so, current status of above said projects; and
- (c) by when these projects are expected to be completed and their timelines?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

(SHRI NITIN JAIRAM GADKARI)

(a) In Chennai to Vellore section of National Highway (NH)-48, stretch from Chennai (Koyambedu) to Maduravoyal section of about 4.1 km length is four-lane and is under Operation & Maintenance (O&M). The stretch from Maduravoyal to Walajahpet is taken up in three packages. The work from Maduravoyal to Sriperumpudur is progressing as per schedule. The works from Sriperumpudur to Karaipettai and Karaipettai to Walajahpet are progressing slow. The remaining stretch from Walajahpet to Vellore of about 29 km length is six-lane and is under Operation & Maintenance (O&M).

In Chennai to Puducherry section of NH-48, the section from Chennai to Mamallapuram of about 52.90 km length is a four-lane divided carriageway road and is currently with Tamil Nadu Road Development Company (TNRDC), a State Government organization. The Detailed Project Report (DPR) has been taken up for this stretch. The subsequent stretch from Mamallapuram to Puducherry (NH-332A) is taken up in three packages and there is no delay in these three packages.

(b)&(c) **Maduravoyal to Walajahpet section:** Package-I (Maduravoyal to Sriperumpudur) – The present progress is 55% and the scheduled completion date is 13.02.2023; Package-II (Sriperumpudur to Karaipettai) - The present progress is 35.62%. The anticipated completion date is 31.03.2024; and Package-III (Karaipettai to Walajahpet) - The present progress is 54.10%. The anticipated completion date is 31.12.2023.

Mamallapuram to Puduchery section: Package-I (Mamallapuram to Mugaiyur) – The appointed date was declared on 12.05.2022 and the scheduled completion date is 11.05.2024; Package-II (Mugaiyur - Marakkanam) – The appointed date is not yet declared. The completion period is 730 days from the appointed date; and Package-III (Marakkanam to Puducherry) – The work is anticipated to be awarded by end of March'2023.
