

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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NATIONAL HIGHWAY PROJECTS CURRENTLY PENDING IN TAMIL NADU

1210. **Dr. Kanimozhi NVN Somu:**

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

- (a) the details of National Highway projects currently pending in Tamil Nadu, including those under various stages of approval, land acquisition, tendering, or execution;
- (b) the present status, timelines, and reasons for delay, if any, in the Chennai–Trichy highway widening project;
- (c) the project-wise status of the Chennai–Bengaluru highway widening and upgradation works; and
- (d) the steps being taken to expedite completion of these and other major corridor projects in Tamil Nadu?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

SHRI NITIN JAIRAM GADKARI

(a) The National Highway (NH) projects in the State of Tamil Nadu which are at various stages of development such as approval, land acquisition, tendering and execution are reviewed from time to time. As on date, 102 number of NH projects amounting to Rs. 55678.02 crore in a length of approx. 1485km are under different stages of implementation including preparation of Detailed Project Reports (DPRs), land acquisition, tendering and construction. The execution of projects depends upon various factors such as availability of land, statutory clearances, utility shifting, law and order issues.

(b) The Chennai (Irumbuliyur)–Trichy section of NH-32/NH-132/NH-38 (298 km) was four-laned during 2005–09 and the Irumbuliyur–Chettipunyam stretch (20.9 km) has already been upgraded to eight lanes. However, the widening of the remaining Paranur–Tindivanam stretch (about 68 km) is being re-planned due to the presence of the Veeranam Water Supply Pipeline and the requirement of a Chengalpattu Bypass, while 19 km elevated corridor from Kilambakkam to Mahindra City is pending due to a decision by the Government of Tamil Nadu and Chennai Metro Rail Limited (CMRL) regarding its integration with the proposed Metro Rail Corridor.

(c) The entire Chennai–Bengaluru section of NH-48 and NH-44 was upgraded to four lanes during 2001–05 under the Golden Quadrilateral Programme. Subsequently, the stretch has been taken up for six-laning, wherein six projects covering a total length of approx. 318km are under execution, out of which approx. 287 km has already been completed. Further, four projects of the Chennai–Bengaluru Expressway, covering a total length of approx. 106 km at a cost of about Rs. 5,976 crore, are also presently under execution.

(d) To expedite the completion of these projects and other major corridor projects in Tamil Nadu, continuous coordination is being maintained with the concerned District and State authorities for early resolution of issues relating to land acquisition, borrow earth approvals, utility shifting and statutory clearances. Review meetings with concerned stakeholders are being held to monitor progress and to resolve the matters which are further escalated to Project Monitoring Group (PMG) and PRAGATI platforms for focused review and timely resolution.
