GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 573 ANSWERED ON 13TH DECEMBER, 2018

CHENNAI-COIMBATORE ROAD PROJECT

573. SHRIMATI V. SATHYA BAMA: SHRI PR. SENTHIL NATHAN: SHRI BHARATHI MOHAN R.K.: SHRIMATI VANAROJA R.:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has any plans to take up new road projects in Tamil Nadu particularly between Chennai and Coimbatore along the districts of Salem, Erode, Tirupur;
- (b) whether the Government has any plans to construct new road projects in Tamil Nadu particularly between Chennai and Kanyakumari along the East Coast;
- (c) whether the Government has any plans to construct new road projects in Tamil Nadu particularly between Chennai and Madurai along the districts of Cuddalore, Nagappattinam, Thanjavur and Tiruchirapalli;
- (d) whether the Government has any plans to construct new Road projects in Tamil Nadu particularly between Chennai and Salem along the districts of Vellore, Tiruvannamalai, Dharmapuri; and
- (e) the total estimated cost of these projects and the time limit for the completion of the same and the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT & HIGHWAYS

(SHRI MANSUKHLAL MANDVIYA)

(a) to (e) Yes, Madam. Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MoRTH) is taking up the various projects in Tamil Nadu as detailed below:

(i) Six laning of existing Salem to Coimbatore National Highway (NH-544) including a ring road for the city of Coimbatore under the Bharatmala Pariyojana.

(ii) Under Chennai-Kanyakumari East Coast Road; Chennai-Mahaballipuram section is already 4 laned by the State Government. In addition, a DPR for sea link to de-congest the urban sections of the East Coast Road near Chennai, the expansion of Mahaballipuram-Pondicherry section and Nagappattinam-Tuticorin- Tiruchendur is in under progress. Project for expansion of Pondicherry-Nagappattinam section has already been awarded for construction.

(iii) Ministry is exploring a expressway between Chennai to Trichy with a spur to Tanjavur. In addition, DPR is in advanced stage for taking up the development of Tanjavur to Madurai via Pudukkotai, Pillayarpatti & Melur.

(iv) The DPR is in advanced stage to develop a greenfield alignment between Chennai and Salem through Kanchipuram, Tiruvannamalai, Krishnagiri, Dharmapuri and Salem districts to diversify traffic from the existing National Highways.

The estimated cost and the timeline for completion shall only be finalized based on the outcome of the DPR.
