

Need to establish a Greenfield Highway from Trichy to Coimbatore via Karur

SUSHRI S. JOTHIMANI (KARUR): Hon Chairperson Sir, Vanakkam. Trichy- Karur- Coimbatore National Highway, in my Karur parliamentary constituency continue to remain as two-lane highway. We have been demanding time and again for making this National Highway as a four-lane highway. I have been raising this issue in this august House since my previous term as MP of 17th Lok Sabha. This highway is situated in the central part of Tamil Nadu. This is also used for transportation by important Cities and export hubs of Tamil Nadu like Karur, Tiruppur and Coimbatore. By paying heed to our demand, at present, the four-laning work of the highway between Coimbatore and Karur has begun now. I express my heartfelt gratitude to Hon. Minister for Road Transport and Highways in this regard. But the Karur- Trichy Highway remains even now as a two-lane road. There is heavy vehicular traffic in this route. Moreover this Trichy- Karur highway passes along Cauvery river, four-lane work of this road seems unachievable. Therefore we requested for green field alignment as an alternative measure for making this road stretch with four lanes. A Detailed Project Report was earlier prepared for this project. But the preparation work of this DPR has been stopped all of a sudden. We are unaware of whether any progress is taking place or not as regards this project? Keeping in mind the heavy vehicular traffic along this highway, I urge upon the Union government to start converting this two-lane highway between Trichy and Karur as a four-lane highway at the earliest. Thank you.