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Title : Need to convert and declare the existing State Highways in district Dharmapuri, Tamil Nadu as National Highways.

SHRI R. THAMARAISELVAN (DHARMAPURI): Once known as Most Backward District in Tamil Nadu, Dharmapuri District is now fast turning as a developing district because of the several developmental initiatives taken by the present State Government of Tamil Nadu. The State Government of Tamil Nadu has taken several progressive measures to improve the conditions of the existing State Highways such as (1) Malur-Hosur-Adhiyamankottai Road, (2) Hogenekkal-Pennagaram-Dharmapuri-Tirupatur Road (3) Dharmapuri-Harur (via Morppur) Road and (4) Salem-Tirupattur-Vaniyambadi Road. These State Highways connect National Highways No. 7 at many places and they do play a very important role to share the vehicular movement of road traffic heading towards National Highway No. 7. There has been persistent demand to declare the above State Highways as National Highways to facilitate further improvement and strengthening of these State Highways. In the entire district of Dharmapuri, there are no National Highway as of now. I, therefore, urge upon the Central Government to convert and declare the above said State Highways into National Highways in the national interest.