Title: Need to grant sanction to ring road connecting NH-7 and NH-68 in Salem, Tamil Nadu.

SHRI S. SEMMALAI (SALEM): Mr. Chairman, I wish to draw the attention of the hon. Minister of Road Transport and Highways, through the Chair, for granting sanction to the proposed ring road connecting NH-7 and NH-68. Salem city is the fifth largest city in Tamil Nadu with the population of 8.5 lakh. It is one of the fastest developing two-tier cities.

Three major National Highways (NH), namely, NH 7, NH 47 and NH 68 pass through the main city. These three NHs carry heavy traffic, and the existing roads passing through Salem are heavily congested resulting in frequent hold-up in traffic on the NHs as well as on the feeder roads of the city.

Extensive traffic survey was conducted by the Government of Tamil Nadu in order to ease the traffic congestion and also to ensure smooth flow of traffic, and a Master-plan was prepared to construct a Ring Road *vide* GO 105 (Urban Development) dated 22.03.2005. This will ease traffic from NH 7, which is now passing through Salem city. If the Ring Road is constructed, then all heavy vehicles will use the road to get connected with NH 7 without touching the city of Salem. This would save 80 per cent fuel and 50 per cent time. Further, free uninterrupted flow of fast-moving vehicles on the express-way will be ensured without any interference of the existing roads going through the proposed Highway.

The hon. Minister of Road, Transport and Highways may consider the importance of this proposal and sanction the Ring Road proposal at the earliest.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Thank you very much. The House stands adjourned to meet tomorrow, the 18^{th} August, 2011 at 11.00 a.m.

19.06 hrs.

The Lok Sabha then adjourned till Eleven of the Clock on Thursday, August 18, 2011 / Sravana 27, 1933 (Saka)

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