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Title: Need to declare State highways intersecting N.H.-7 in Dharmapuri parliamentary constituency of Tamil Nadu as National Highway.

SHRI R. THAMARAISELVAN (DHARMAPURI): The State highways such as Malur-Hosur-Adhiyamankottai Road Hogenekkal-Pennagaram-Dharmapuri-Tirupatur Road, Dharmapuri-Harur (via Morppur) Road and Salem-Tirupattur-Vaniyambadi (via Harur) Road intersect with National Highway No. 7 at many places. These State Highways 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. The vehicular movement on these State Highways has increased manifold over a period of time. The only solution for the improvement of these State Highways and to prevent recurring accidents is by declaring them as National Highways. This will pave the way for the development of the existing State Highways and over all development of Dharmapuri district. In the entire district of Dharmapuri, there is no National Highway as of now. I, therefore, urge upon the Central Government to declare the above said State Highways into National Highways in the national interest.