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Title: Need to repair Chennai Bypass –II, NH-45, NH-4 and NH-6 in Chennai Central Parliamentary Constituency and also waive off toll charges on these highways.

SHRI S.R. VIJAYA KUMAR (CHENNAI CENTRAL): Thank you, hon. Deputy-Speaker, Sir, four major National Highways maintained by the NHAI are connecting Chennai with other parts of the country. Due to the recent unprecedented rainfall during the North East Monsoon, the entire Chennai Bypass II and the NH-45 –Chennai-Tiruchchirappalli-Theni and many stretches in NH 4 – Chennai-Bengaluru-Mumbai and NH 6 - Chennai-Vishakapatnam-Kolkatta have been completely damaged and become non-motorable.

Sir, NH-45 connects Chennai with major towns in Tamil Nadu and the unfit road condition is causing hardship to a very large number of commuting general public and all road-users. No less is the condition in Chennai Bypass II. Also, the commercial activity in general and logistics movement in particular have been severely affected causing huge overall revenue loss.

Following the instructions given by the hon. Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu *Puratchi Thalaivi* Dr. Amma, immediate temporary repair work of all damaged roads maintained by the State Government are being undertaken by the State Government on a war footing despite availability of only limited resources.

I would, therefore, urge upon the Government of India and the NHAI to follow the footsteps of the Government of Tamil Nadu and repair these four National Highways immediately, and also waive toll charges on these National Highways till they are restored to complete motorable condition.