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Title: Regarding completion of National Highway 210 and maintenance work from Trichy to Ramanathapuram.

SHRI P.R. SENTHILNATHAN (SIVAGANGA): I would like to draw the attention of the hon. Road and Transport Minister through the august House.

Sir, the National Highway-210 starts from Trichy to Ramanathapuram. The length of the road is nearly about 200 km. Out of 200 kilometre about 100 kilometre passes through my constituency, Sivaganga. The road is under the control of National Highway Authority of India. It connects the main pilgrim places like Rameshwaram, Devipattinam and Dhanushkodi.

The Union Government has already allotted funds for widening and reconstruction of the road. Tender formalities have also been completed two years back. The tender was taken by a contractor in 2013 but he never started the construction. As per the NHAI norms, all the roads under NHAI should be maintained every three years. In respect of this highway, no maintenance work has taken place since 2009. The contract company purposefully has been evading construction of the road for the last two years.

Our hon. Chief Minister, Dr. Puratchi Thalaivi Amma has allotted Rs.50 crore for immediate repair of the roads which have been affected by recent flood and rains. So, I request the Union Government either to compel the contract company to start the construction of road immediately or to cancel the contract and take necessary steps to lay the road from Karaikudi to Ramanathapuram.