



ABSTRACT

Highways and Minor Ports Department – Announcements -Budget Speech 2021 – Taking up of widening works under the New Scheme “Chief Minister’s Road Development Programme” – In Principle approval - Accorded – Orders - Issued.

Highways and Minor Ports (HN.1) Department

G.O.(Ms).No. 105

Dated: 17.11.2021

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Read :-

From the Chief Engineer (Construction and Maintenance), Highways Department Letter No.10346/Thittam/2021, Dated 14.09.2021.

ORDER:

During the Budget Speech 2021 the following announcement was made:-

“This Government will launch the Chief Minister’s Road Development Programme under which 2,200 KMs of State Highways that connect District Headquarters will be widened to 4 lane roads and 6,700 KMs of single and intermediate lane roads connecting taluk headquarters will be upgraded to double lane highways over the next 10 years”.

2. In the letter read above, the Chief Engineer (Construction and Maintenance), Highways Department has stated the State of Tamil Nadu is known for its highest urbanized areas and economic growth in many fields. United Nations, Sustainable Development Goal aims to develop quality, reliable, sustainable and resilient infrastructure, including regional and trans-border infrastructure, to support economic development and human well-being, with a focus on affordable and equitable access for all. The road infrastructure is developed in such a way connecting National Highways, State Highways, District headquarters, Taluk Headquarters, Industrial areas, Ports, tourist spots and religious centers. Out of the total length of Highways Department roads (63950Km) 2% of roads are in 4 lane, 22.80% of road are in double lane and 3.40% are above 2 lane and less than 4 lane. Hence it becomes essential to upgrade 2 lane/ multi lane to 4 lane.

3. The Chief Engineer (Construction & Maintenance), Highways Department has further stated that widening, the capacity of road is augmented, thereby ensure faster and safe transportation. Also, the fuel cost is reduced and uninterrupted flow reduces wear and tear of vehicle, thereby reducing the vehicle operation cost. By increasing the lanes according to traffic count the destination could be reached in shorter time and ensures Road Safety resulting in Road User Satisfaction.

4. The Chief Engineer (Construction & Maintenance), Highways Department has furnished certain General instructions to be considered for formulating the four lane proposal and requested in-principle approval of Government for taking up widening works under the New Scheme "Chief Minister's Road Development Programme" as announced in the Budget Speech 2021-2022.

5. The Government after careful examination of the proposal of Chief Engineer (Construction and Maintenance), Highways Department accord in-principle approval for taking up the widening works of 2200 km State Highways that connect District Headquarters for four laning and 6700 km for two laning under the New scheme "Chief Minister's Road Development Programme" in phased manner in the next 10 years following the traffic intensity norms. The following instructions to be considered in formulating the four lane proposal under "Chief Minister's Road Development Programme".

- I. The roads will be selected based on traffic intensity and connectivity such that it connects the District Headquarters and Taluk Headquarters.
- II. Widening work will be carried out based on plan and profile drawing by taking Topographical survey.
- III. Improvements to horizontal and vertical curves will be included.
- IV. Standardization of cross drainage works will be taken up.
- V. If there is land acquisition, shifting of utilities, tree cutting involved in the proposal, work will be taken up only after completing them. Sufficient availability of work front will be ensured before entrusting the work.
- VI. If there is any bed level causeway in the proposed stretch, it will be converted to High Level Bridge.
- VII. Provision for tree plantation will be provided as per guidelines.
- VIII. Road furniture will be provided as per Code of Practice for Road Signs, IRC 67, 2012.
- IX. The identified Blackspots, if any, lies in the proposed stretch, permanent measure will be taken up.

(By Order of the Governor)

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