

PRESS RELEASE

Text of the D.O.Letter dated 5.6.2016 of **Selvi J Jayalalithaa**, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu addressed to **Shri Narendra Modi**, Hon'ble Prime Minister of India :-

"I understand that the Union Cabinet has accorded approval to the proposal to extend Corridor I of Phase I of the Chennai Metro Rail Project from Washermanpet to Tiruvotriyur / Wimco Nagar covering a further 9.51 KMs at a cost of Rs.3,770 crores. I had requested an early clearance of this proposal in my two Memoranda presented to you on 3rd June, 2014 and 7th August, 2015. I thank you for the approval accorded to this proposal which would enable Metrorail services to be provided to the densely populated neighbourhoods of northern Chennai.

Metropolitan Chennai has been growing rapidly and traffic volumes have increased greatly. It is the intention of my Government to promote public transport of various forms including metro rail to ensure that the share of public transportation in Chennai city is substantially increased. As you are aware, I had inaugurated the operations of Chennai Metro Rail on 29.6.2015. The establishment of Metro Rail in Chennai was originally conceived of in 2003. More than 95% of the physical work and financial expenditure on the Chennai Metro Rail Project so far, has been completed in the period since May, 2011. The Metro Rail stretch currently under operation has proved to be a convenient and popular public transport mode for Chennai.

I understand that based on the Union Cabinet's approval, Chennai Metro Rail Limited would be able to commence work immediately. On behalf of the Government of Tamil Nadu and the people of Chennai, I thank you for having accorded clearance for the implementation of the Chennai Metro Project Phase I Extension.

I also thank you for making a special allocation of food grains for a period of 3 months from April to June, 2016 for Tamil Nadu in keeping with our request to continue such special allocations."

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