## செய்தி வெளியீடு

மாநில நெடுஞ்சாலைகளை தேசிய தமிழ்நாட்டில், எட்டு நெடுஞ்சாலைகளாக மாற்றுவதற்கு ஒன்றிய சாலைப் போக்குவரத்து மற்றும் நெடுஞ்சாலைகள் அமைச்சகத்தால் கொள்கையளவில் ஒப்புதல் விரிவான அளிக்கப்பட்டு, திட்ட அறிக்கைகள் தயாரிக்கப்பட்டுள்ள நிலையில், முக்கியமான சுற்றுலா மையங்கள் மற்றும் புனிகக் தலங்களை இணைக்கும் அந்தச் சாலைகளில் உடனடியாக மேம்பாட்டுப் பணிகளை ഖതകധിல് இச்சாலைகளை தேசிய நெடுஞ்சாலைகளாக மாற்றும் மேற்கொள்ளும் அறிவிக்கைகளை வெளியிட வலியுறுத்தி மாண்புமிகு இந்தியப் பிரதமர் அவர்களுக்கு, மாண்புமிகு தமிழ்நாடு முதலமைச்சர் திரு. மு.க. ஸ்டாலின் அவர்கள் இன்று (18 – 11 – 2021) கடிதம் எழுதியுள்ளார்.

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## Text of the D.O. Letter No.6464/HV2/2021, Dated 18-11-2021 of Thiru M.K. Stalin, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu addressed to the Hon'ble Prime Minister.

At the outset, I would like to express my sincere thanks to the Union Government for the proper upkeep and development of National Highways infrastructure in Tamil Nadu.

I wish to bring to your notice that 'in-principle' approval was granted by the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways for conversion of eight State Highway roads as National Highways and sanction had also been accorded for the preparation of detailed project reports (DPR). These roads are:

S.No.	Name of State Roads approved in-principle as NH	Length (Km)	Date of declaration by the Ministry
1.	Thiruvannamalai - Kallakurichi	65	24.05.2016
2.	Vallioor - Tiruchendur	70	24.05.2016
3.	Kollegal - Hanur - MM Hills - Palar Road - TN Border extended	30	21.11.2016

	upto Mettur in Tamil Nadu		
4.	Palani - Dharapuram	31	12.05.2017
5.	Arcot - Tindivanam	91	12.05.2017
6.	Mettupalayam - Bhavani	98	12.05.2017
7.	Avinashi - Mettupalayam	38	12.05.2017
8.	Bhavani - Karur	77	12.05.2017
	TOTAL	500	

Accordingly, studies have been taken up for preparation of DPR for the above roads under Annual Plan 2017-18 by the State National Highways wing. The proposals for declaration of the roads have also been presented to the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MoRT&H) on 06.12.2018. However, formal notifications for the declaration of these roads as new National Highways are yet to be issued by the Ministry.

I wish to mention that all the above eight roads are very important roads, connecting significant pilgrimage centres like Tiruvannamalai, Tiruchendur and Palani, major trade and tourist centres. Hence, these roads need immediate improvements to fulfill the needs of the road users.

I am informed that MoRTH is drawing up guidelines for development of new National Highways. However, as these eight roads have already been accorded in-principle approval, they can be notified as National Highways without waiting for the guidelines. Therefore, I request you to direct MoRTH to issue requisite notifications declaring these eight state roads as new National Highways and to entrust the development works with the State Government with necessary funding.

I assure you that the State Government will extend its full cooperation to take up all the necessary improvement works in these roads in the current year itself.

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