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Text of the D.O. letter dated 21.11.2020 of Thiru. Edappadi K. Palaniswami, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, addressed to Shri. Amit Shah, Hon'ble Minister of Home Affairs, Government of India, New Delhi.

Chennai Metro Rail Project Phase-I covering 45 km is fully operational from 10.2.2019. It was an honour for the State of Tamil Nadu that the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India inaugurated the final 10 km stretch.

The Phase-I Extension of Chennai Metro Rail Project covering 9 km is under construction and is expected to be commissioned in January 2021.

The Phase-II of Chennai Metro Rail Project with a total length of 118.9 km with estimated completion cost of Rs.61,843 crore has been approved by the Government of Tamil Nadu. The Government of India has suggested to provide only 10% cost as grant instead of providing 15% as share capital. Since the contribution of Government of India as grant will affect the present share holding pattern and such grant is also revenue expenditure, we have been requesting Government of India to consider the support as share capital, which is taken as capital expenditure with a sharing pattern of 50:50 between Centre and State.

Therefore, I request your kind intervention for early approval of the project with participation of Government of India in Chennai Metro Rail Phase-II Project with 50:50 Equity Sharing Model, as was done for Phase-I Project.

I also request you to kindly get the revised cost of Chennai Metro Rail Phase-I Project, which is now under examination by the Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs, Government of India, sanctioned as early as possible.

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