

PRESS RELEASE

As per the instructions of the Hon'ble Chief Minister, the Chief Secretary to Government held discussions with Secretary, Ministry of Road Transport & Highways, Government of India and Chairman, NHAI at Chennai on 10-07-2007 in order to expedite the progress of flyover works in Chennai viz. Kathipara, Airport, Padi, Koyambedu and 4-laning work from Koyambedu to Madhuravoil. The Chief Secretary impressed upon the need for the mobilisation of additional manpower and resources by the contractor in order to carry out the work in full swing. The Secretary, Govt. of India and the Chairman, NHAI also requested to Chief Secretary to sort out some of the pending issues relating to land acquisition, shifting of EB poles etc. and also assured to instruct the contractor to mobilise additional resources and expedite the physical progress of works.

2. During the meeting Secretary, Government of India also said that the Ministry has approved improvement of NH 67 Extn. from Mettupalayam to Kakkanalla border (The Nilgris District) in 5 packages at a cost of Rs.80 crores and tender would be called for and work would be commenced soon. The Chairman, NHAI also stated that tender for the strengthening of Manali Oil Refinery Road and northern segment of Inner Ring Road (IRR) also been awarded at a cost of Rs.76.77 crores including additional groynes to prevent sea erosion at Pattinatharkoil, Thiruvotriyur and work would start soon.

3. The Chief Secretary also requested for immediate action to take over Ring Road at Madurai as part of NH 45B and also requested to expedite 6 laning of NH 4 and 45. Secretary, Government of India said that 6 laning of NH 4 is proposed to be taken up from Poonamallee to Wallajah and as regards NH 45, it would be considered after study of the traffic intensity in the road.

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