

Seventeenth Loksabha

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Title: Regarding development of road infrastructure in Tamil Nadu under Bharatmala Pariyojana-laid.

SHRI P. VELUSAMY (DINDIGUL): Bharatmala Pariyojana, an umbrella programme launched by the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) for developing road infrastructure across country is all set to take off in Tamil Nadu, with the NHAI having floated tenders to lay 44.3 km four-lane road connecting Madurai and Natham under phase one of the flagship programme recently. The first four-lane project under Bharatmala includes 7.3 km elevated four-lane bridge connecting the Pandiyan Hotel Junction with Chettikulam and widening the existing 33.4 km two lanes into four lanes from Chettikulam to Natham on the NH 785. The estimated cost of the road works is pegged at Rs 980.4 crore. The people residing in and around the highway are unable to reach the national highway. A service road near the bridge along with the national highway can be provided to facilitate easy movement of the general public.