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Title: Implementation of phase II of Chennai Metro Rail Project.

DR. J. JAYAVARDHAN (CHENNAI SOUTH): Hon. Deputy Speaker, Sir, I would like to bring to the notice of the House an important issue highlighted in the memorandum submitted by the hon. dynamic leader former Chief Minister Puratchi Thalaivi Amma to the hon. Prime Minister.

Chennai Metro Rail Project, Extension of Corridor-I, that is up to Thiruvattiyur and Wimco Nagar, covering a distance of nine kilometres at an estimated cost of Rs. 3,770 crore, which was approved by the Ministry of Urban Development, is to be started at the earliest. Chennai Metro Rail Project, implementation of Phase-II corridor with a length of 76 kilometres at a cost of Rs. 36,000 crore with full support from the Government of India may be granted at the earliest. Also, merger of MRTS with Chennai Metro Rail Limited would enable effective synergies between various modes of public transport, which has been under the consideration of the Railway Board and the Ministry of Railways for quite some time; it may be accorded early approval.

Thank you, Sir.