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Stalin promises rewards for civic officials

TNN 28 August 2009, 12:42am ISTCHENNAI: Chennai Corporation officials who ensure that the construction of the new Communicable Diseases Hospital in Tondiarpet is completed in a year will be rewarded, deputy chief minister M K Stalin announced on Thursday. He was speaking after laying the foundation stone for the modernisation programme that is estimated at Rs 13.53 crore.

On the occasion, Stalin recalled a similar gesture made by his father and chief minister M Karunanidhi to government officials in July last. Karunanidhi had given away medals to engineers of the Tamil Nadu Water and Drainage Board for completing the combined drinking water scheme in water-starved Ramanathapuram district at an estimated cost of Rs 616 crore in record time.

"Though the contract period is for 18 months, the corporation and the identified contractor should ensure that the project is completed in a year. Also, the civic administration should maintain constant vigil on the quality of the work. The hi-tech facilities in the CDH will not only support this region, but also the neighbouring Kancheepuram and Tiruvallur districts," Stalin said. The state government had, during the last fiscal, sanctioned Rs 8 crore for the modernisation project.

TIRUVOTTIYUR METRO RAIL: Responding to a request made by North Chennai MP T K S Elangovan on the inclusion of

Tiruvottiyur in the Metro Rail project, Stalin said the state government had appointed a consultant to look into the feasibility of including Tiruvottiyur in the first phase of the project. "If the consultant gives its approval, the state government has no issues in implementing the same," he added. The residents of North Chennai had held several agitations in the past, appealing to the state government to include the Tiruvottiyur area in the Rs 14,600-crore mega project.

Earlier, the deputy chief minister unveiled granite plaques for the inauguration of 78 buildings, including additional class rooms in schools, anganwadis, kitchen sheds, noon meal centres and public toilets built in 42 wards of North Chennai at a cost of Rs 11.7 crore. Deputy Mayor Sathyabama and commissioner Rajesh Lakhoni were among those who participated in the programme.