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CM to inaugurate Cenotaph Road flyover in October

TNN 25 September 2009, 04:29am ISTCHENNAI: Deputy chief minister M K Stalin on Thursday announced that the flyover at the Cenotaph Road-Turn Bulls Road stretch would be inaugurated by chief minister M Karunanidhi in October. The project, costing Rs 19.93 crore, would be completed ahead of scheduled.

Reviewing the progress of work, Stalin said that the project which began in February this year was aimed at easing traffic congestion on the busy stretch. "Of the total allocation, the government has spent Rs 10 crore toward acquisition of lands for the construction. About 7.1425 grounds of lands were acquired for the purpose," he said. The flyover, 458 m long and 8 m wide, will allow two-lane traffic.

Chennai Corporation had originally intended to build a flyover on Pasumpon Muthuramalingam Devar Salai, which cuts across the present alignment. Following representations from the residents' welfare associations, the local body asked experts at Anna Univeristy and the city traffic police to come up with a solution. Citing large-scale real estate developments along the IT corridor and other residential areas in south Chennai, the present alignment was preferred.

Stalin said that the construction of a subway to replace a railway level crossing at Jones Road in Saidapet and a bridge at the Alandur causeway would be completed by October. The

subway costing Rs 7.33 crore would be 303.67 m long and 5.5 m wide, while the 420 m long and 12 m wide high-level bridge costing Rs 6.3 crore would link Saidapet with Ekkaduthangal and Guindy.

About the long pending demand of north Chennai residents to have a flyover in Ganesapuram, the deputy CM said that the government had already given administrative sanction for the Rs 61.7 crore project. Currently, revenue authorities were in the process of acquiring 28.5 grounds of land from private individuals on Dr Ambedkar Road. The acquisition would cost Rs 26 crore; Rs 8 crore would be spent to shift utility lines.