



## ABSTRACT

Highways Department - Upgradation of Major District Roads / Other District Roads to State Highways and Other District Roads to Major District Roads – Fixing norms for upgradation of roads - Orders - Issued.

### Highways and Minor Ports (HF1) Department

**G.O.(Ms) No.101**

**Dated: 03.11.2021**

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Read:

- 1) G.O. (Ms) No.20, Highways and Minor Ports (HF1) Department, dated 29.01.2016
- 2) From the Chief Engineer (Construction & Maintenance), Highways Department letter No.14769/Salai/2019, Dated 18.10.2021.

### ORDER:-

During the Budget Demand 2021-2022, the Hon'ble Minister for Public Works, Highways & Minor Ports has announced in the floor of Assembly that "Considering the factors of traffic intensity, population growth, establishment of new industrial estates and connectivity of important tourist places, the Major District Roads will be re-classified and upgraded to State Highways and the Other District Roads will be re-classified and upgraded to Major District Roads".

2. In the State of Tamil Nadu, the Highways Department maintains roads about length of 70571 km. These roads have been categorized based on the vehicular traffic flow, importance and connectivity as National Highways, State Highways, Major District Roads and Other District Roads. The total length of each category of road is as follows:-

Sl. No.	Category of Road	Length in Km
1	National highways	6606.00
2	State Highways	11285.738
3	Major Districts Roads	11623.781
4	Other Districts Roads	41055.171
	<b>Total</b>	<b>70570.690</b>

3. The Chief Engineer (Construction and Maintenance), Highways Department, in the letter second read above, has stated that the Other District Roads and Major District Roads into State Highways and Other District Roads into Major District Roads were lastly upgraded in 2016 vide Government Order first read above.

4. Based on the announcement of Hon'ble Minister for Public Works, Highways and Minor ports, a meeting was held on 06.10.2021 to formulate the norms for upgradation of Roads. Accordingly, the Chief Engineer (Construction & Maintenance), Highways Department has requested the orders of the Government to formulate the norms for upgradation of the roads as State Highways / Major District Roads.

5. After careful examination, the Government fix the following norms for upgradation of the roads in Highways Department.

**Upgradation of Roads as State Highways:-**

**Mandatory conditions**

- (I) a) Connecting District Headquarters  
(or)
  - b) Connecting Corporations / Municipalities  
(or)
  - c) Connecting District Head quarter / important cities / Municipalities with National Highways / State Highways/ or neighbouring state  
(or)
  - d) Connecting Pilgrimage centers / tourist spots with National Highways / State Highways  
(or)
  - e) Connecting SEZ, Industrial parks with National Highways and State Highways
- (II) The traffic intensity must not be less than 6000 PCU.

**Upgradation of Roads as Major District Roads:-**

**Mandatory conditions**

- (I) (a) Roads within the district connecting Taluk / Block head quarters  
(or)
- (b) Roads within the district connecting Town panchayat  
(or)
- (c) Connecting taluk or Block Head Quarters / Town panchayats with National Highways / State Highways / Major District Roads  
(or)
- (d) Connecting Pilgrimage centers and tourist spots with National Highways / State Highways / Major District Roads  
(or)
- (d) Connecting Production and Market centers with Major District Roads / State Highways / National Highways

(II) The Traffic intensity must not be less than 3000 PCU.

When a new link / bypass is proposed by connecting various roads, it shall be ensured that all the roads are reclassified to the same standards.

(By Order of the Governor)

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//Forwarded by Order//

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