

## **No toll on OMR from Aug 30 over Metro work**

**CHENNAI:** The State announced that it would stop collecting toll on OMR from August 30. Replying to the debate on demand for grants for highways department in the Assembly on Friday, Public Works and Highways Minister EV Velu announced that owing to Metro Rail works, collection of toll at Perungudi, Thoraipakkam, Kalaignar Salai and Medavakkam Salai on Rajiv Gandhi Salai would be stopped. The Minister also said that a new flyover connecting Rajiv Gandhi Salai and Sardar Patel Road would be built at Madhaya Kailash junction at Rs 56 crore. A 3.14 km elevated corridor on Mount-Poonamallee-Avadi Road at Ramapuram-Mugalivakkam intersection and a surface bridge at Mount-Medavakkam Road- Inner Ring Road intersection would be built for Rs 403 crore. A km-long vehicular subway at a cost of Rs 200 crore on Madurai Ring Road to facilitate Madurai Airport runway expansion would come up. A 250-km long road with high traffic density would be converted into four-lane facility for Rs 2,000 crore; a 600-km long roads would be made into two-lane roads at Rs 1,200 crore.