

■ ₹7,650.38 crore for metro rail, GH, Sriperumbudur state highway

Supplementary budget to boost infra

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Chennai-based projects, including metro rail, Government General Hospital and the Sriperumbudur state highway got a financial boost in the ₹7,650.38 crore supplementary budget, tabled by Chief Minister O. Panneerselvam on Monday.

A lion's share of the supplementary budget went to Chennai Metro Rail (CMRL), which will now get around ₹600 crore for land acquisition. An allocation of ₹115 crore has also been made for six lan-

ing of the state highway connecting the Singaperumal Koil-Sriperumbudur stretch. For CMRL, the government will sanction a sum of ₹598.22 crore as subordinate debt to CMRL to meet expenses towards cost of land, resettlement and rehabilitation.

Providing the break-up for the supplementary estimates, Mr Panneerselvam noted that a sum of ₹3,903.49 crore was in the revenue account and another ₹3,746.89 crore was in the capital and loan accounts.

To undertake drought



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mitigation and measures to tackle drinking water scarcity, the government has sanctioned ₹95.50

crore from the State Disaster Response Fund and this had also been included in the supplementary estimates, Mr Panneerselvam said. To purchase 252 new buses, ₹36 crore will be provided as a short-term loan to the State Express Transport Corporation.

As part of the development of Oragadam Industrial Corridor Project near Chennai, administrative sanction has been accorded for six laning the Sriperumbudur-Singaperumal Koil stretch and additional funds had been sanc-

tioned, he said.

A token provision of ₹4,000 crore for the public works department, highways, education and food and consumer protection department had been included in the supplementary estimates, the Chief Minister noted.

The supplementary budget also had allocation of ₹58.65 crore for taking up new building works at the Rajiv Gandhi Government General Hospital and ₹22 crore for taking up integrated workshop building at the Central Institute of Technology campus, Taramani.