

Palanivel Thiagarajan releases his 'progress card'



MLA P.T.R. Palanivel Thiagarajan.

He completes one year as the MLA of Madurai central constituency

Completing one year as the elected member to the Legislative Assembly from Madurai central constituency, P.T.R. Palanivel Thiagarajan of the DMK has released his 'progress card' to the electorate.

Giving a four-page copy published in Tamil to the public, the MLA recalled that during electioneering in 2016, he had promised to submit a 'progress card' on the works done for the people from his constituency every six months.

Irrespective of whether the party was elected to govern or sit in the Opposition, he had proposed to submit an assessment so that the electorate may appraise his performance.

After installing grievance boxes in 28 locations covering 22 wards in his constituency, he opened them periodically and ascertained the needs. The MLA swiftly analysed the causes, which included delay in getting old age pension, ration card, government assistance, drinking water shortage, unhygienic public toilets and others.

As and when the letters were processed, the MLA had taken up with the authorities concerned and ensured that they were redressed. For the benefit of senior citizens and differently-abled persons, the MLA provided an exclusive mobile phone number 73055-19999.

In all, during the last 365 days, the MLA's office had redressed 580 petitions at different government offices.

Organising a career guidance counselling for the students in Corporation and government-run schools, Dr. Thiagarajan pointed out that such counselling should begin as early as from eighth/ninth standard as the children may have a vision to achieve goals.

After completing 10th or Plus Two examinations, offering counselling may not serve the students in a big way. Hence, he planned to begin guidance programmes in a more organised manner from this academic year in his constituency.

The first-time MLA, son of former Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly Speaker P.T.R. Palanivelrajan, had been instrumental in closing down a couple of TASMACH outlets which were functioning very near to places of worship in his constituency.

Apart from raising his voice in the Assembly for 'burning' issues such as jallikattu and establishment of AIIMS in Madurai, he had always been in touch with officials in both the Madurai Corporation and at the Collectorate and other departments as well, the 'progress card' stated.

Residents have welcomed the initiative of the MLA. Praising the efforts, Ramamurthy, a retired government official residing on North Masi Street here, said that the MLA's intervention not only got us drinking water at our doorsteps, but also helped in evicting encroachments in front of Krishnan Temple.