

Tamil Nadu: Political prospects on decline, ministers want Madurai to be declared as second capital

After ruling the state for 9.5 years, the sudden demand by two AIADMK Minister's to declare Madurai as the second capital of the Tamil Nadu has raised many eyebrows.



KEY HIGHLIGHTS

- Ahead of 2021 elections, the AIADMK is desperate to woo voters in southern Tamil Nadu
- DMK slams AIADMK ministers, asks why promises made by Jaya were not fulfilled

Chennai: At a time when political prospects for the ruling AIADMK are looking bleak in Southern districts of Tamil Nadu, in a desperate attempt to woo voters, two AIADMK ministers have mooted the idea of making Madurai the second capital of the State.

On Sunday, the AIADMK Madurai west district functionaries adopted a resolution in this regard urging the Tamil Nadu Chief Minister Edappadi K Palaniswami and Deputy Chief Minister O Pannerselvam to declare Madurai as the second capital of Tamil Nadu.

The resolution adopted in the meeting says, “Declaring Madurai as the second capital of Tamil Nadu is the need of the hour, this will ensure the development of the entire southern region, generate jobs for youth and develop infrastructure.”

Minister for Revenue RB Udaykumar and Minister for Co-operation Sellur K Raju who are the face of the party in Madurai have come up with this sudden demand after being in power for 9.5 years.

Speaking to Times Now, DMK MLA Palanivel Thiagarajan referred to a speech made by the former chief minister of Tamil Nadu J Jayalalithaa, promising that Madurai will be developed as one of the 10 World Class Cities as per her 2023 vision document and asked, “What happened to ‘Amma’ announced scheme? How many world-class cities of the 10 promised, have been developed? Why should I believe that people who cannot fulfil Amma’s vision or promise are going to achieve great things in the last 6 months of their tenure?”

Sources say that the AIADMK is desperate to woo voters in southern districts of Tamil Nadu after an internal survey carried by an agency indicated that AIADMK may not do well in the upcoming elections.