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TEXT OF SPEECH BY MR. L.P. RODRIGO, PARLIAMENTARY
SECRETARY, MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS AND M.P. FOR
SERANGOON GARDENS CONSTITUENCY, AT THE METALLING OF
CHENG SAN ROAD BY GUTONG ROYONG ON SUN., NOV.14 AT 9 A.M.

We are indeed happy that this project is about to commence. For a long time the residents and users of Cheng San Road have looked forward to the laying and surfacing of Cheng San Road which will benefit a residential population of 4,600 residents in the four constituencies of Serangoon Gardens, Jalan Kayu, Thomson and Nee Soon.

This project which will initially cover 4,400 feet of Cheng San Road cost \$38,312/- for the materials only. This cost is borne by the Government. The manpower will be in the form of 100 national servicemen and about 100 local residents.

This is another experience by which the combined efforts of the Government, the army and the community will provide a most useful facility to the community residing in a large area. The people in this area are grateful; especially to the national servicemen whose effort in making this project possible.

We are also grateful to Messrs. Kian Hui & Co. who will surface the road with bituminous premix. Messrs. Kian Hui is making a benevolent gesture to the people residing in the area.

I also wish to thank all the residents who have turned up today to help our national servicemen to help us.

Collective effort such as we are about to undertake this morning will help to remind us that we ought first to ask ourselves what we are doing for the Government before we ask what the Government is doing for us.

So let us together this morning make our contribution to our community and our Government.

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