

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 216
TO BE ANSWERED ON FEBRUARY 02, 2023**

VIZAG METRO PROJECT

**NO.216. SHRI M.V.V. SATYANARAYANA:
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Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to provide financial support to the ambitious Vizag Metro Project (VMP) which was being developed with an estimated cost of Rs 15,933 crore, and was proposed to cover a total distance of 75.3 kms with the deadline set for 2028, has hit a roadblock, after the Korean EXIM Bank had displayed their inability to fund the same;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor; and**
- (d) the details of other measures being taken by the Government to support urban mobility in the State of Andhra Pradesh?**

**ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE
MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS
(SHRI KAUSHAL KISHORE)**

(a) to (c) :Urban Transport, which is an integral part of urban development, is a state subject. Therefore, formulation of proposals in regard to Metro Rail projects with appropriate funding pattern, along with preparation of Comprehensive Mobility Plan, Alternative Analysis Report, Detailed Project Report etc., are done by the respective State Governments. Central Government considers financial assistance to Metro Rail Projects as and when posed by concerned State Government. However, approval of such projects depends upon feasibility of proposal and availability of resources. Government of Andhra Pradesh in September, 2018 submitted a proposal for a Light Metro Rail Project for Visakhapatnam with a route length of 42.55 km with an estimated cost of Rs 8,300 crore for external financial assistance from Korean EXIM Bank in Public Private Partnership mode. However, the Korean side,

after examining the proposal conveyed their inability to finance the project. Central Government has so far not received any proposal of Vizag Metro Project from Government of Andhra Pradesh with route length of 75.3 km at an estimated cost of Rs 15,993 crore.

(d) Central Government has released funds for conducting different transportation studies including preparation of Detailed Project Report and Comprehensive Mobility Plans for different cities of Andhra Pradesh under Urban Transport planning and Capacity Building Scheme. The details are as under:

S. No.	Name of the Study/Report	Funds released by Central Government (in Rs.)	Completion Year
1	Preparation of Comprehensive Mobility Plan for Vishakhapatnam Metropolitan Area	40,00,000/-	2018-19
2	Preparation of Comprehensive Mobility Plans for 9 Cities of AP i.e. Eluru, Kakinda, Nellore, Ongole, Rajahmundry, Ananthapur, Chittoor, Kadapa and Kurnool	2,36,00,000/-	2019-2020
3	Preparation of DPR for two transportation studies i.e Integrated Public Transport Plan (IPT) & Non-Motorised Transport Integration Plan (NMT) for Vijayawada Metro Rail System.	78,44,000/-	2018-19
