

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

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SUBURBAN TRANSPORT IN MUMBAI  
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**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) Whether Railways have studied the problems of increasing traffic and passengers in Mumbai suburban Railways in last few years;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the role of World Bank;
- (d) the present status of the suburban transport; and
- (e) the financial implications and the provisions made therefor?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS AND PARLIAMENT AFFAIRS (SHRI O.RAJAGOPAL)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) In 1994, a comprehensive Transport Plan for Mumbai Metropolitan Region was prepared with World Bank assistance. This plan concluded that Rail Transport would continue to be the principal mode of mass transport in Mumbai. Accordingly, 14 Rail Projects were identified for infrastructure development and capacity augmentation. These projects have been designated as Mumbai Urban Transport Project (MUTP).

(c) Ministry of Railways and Government of Maharashtra have jointly approached World Bank for funding of MUTP projects. The total cost of MUTP rail projects is approximately Rs.5618 crores out of which nine projects costing Rs.3114.9 crores will be executed in Phase-I. World Bank funding element is being sought for around Rs.1606 crores in Phase-I.

(d) The Mumbai Suburban Railway network caters to approximately 5.4 million commuters every day and runs approximately 2047 suburban trains per day.

(e) The total cost of the project is Rs.5618 crores. Nine projects costing Rs.3114.9 crores have been identified for execution in Phase-I. The cost of the project is being shared by Ministry of Railways and Government of Maharashtra on 50:50 basis and shall be partially funded through a World Bank Loan.