

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
URBAN DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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DECONGESTION OF DELHI
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Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Delhi is getting congested day by day;
- (b) if so, the plan of the Government to decongest the city;
- (c) the points which are to be connected by the Delhi Metro System during Phase-I;
- (d) whether the Phase-I of Delhi Metro Rail Project is likely to be completed on schedule;
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor along with the details of such corridors;
- (f) the details of preparations for the 2nd Phase of Delhi Metro Rail Project and the time by which it is likely to be started;
- (g) the financial arrangements for construction of 2nd Phase of Metro Rail in Delhi;
- (h) whether the Government propose to expand the Metro Rail having more than one line by 2010; and
- (i) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): The Government set up the National Capital Region Planning Board in 1985 to develop a balanced and harmonized National Capital Region. The Board prepared a Regional Plan-2001 with the following aims:

- To relieve the Capital city from additional pressures;
- To avoid adding new pressures on to the Capital; and
- To remodel the pattern of settlements in the National Capital Region to enable them to plan their assigned role.

Further to achieve harmonized development, the Board also prepared Functional Plans for Transport, Power, Industry and Telecom sectors to develop regional infrastructure in National Capital Region.

The Functional Plan on Transport proposed a Regional rapid Rail Transit System, which will connect Delhi with various adjoining towns with fast and efficient commuter trains and peripheral expressway around Delhi to facilitate the decongestion of the city.

(c): The Phase I of the Delhi Mass Rapid Transit System comprise of the following three corridors:-

- (1) Shahdara - Barwala.
- (2) Vishwa Vidyalaya - Central Secretariat.
- (3) Barakhamba Road - Connaught Place - Dwarka.

CORRIDOR 1 : It connects Shahdara, Seelampur, Shastri Park, Kashmere Gate, Tis Hazari, Pratap Nagar, Shastri Nagar, Inder Lok, Kanhiya Nagar, Keshav Puram, Netaji Shubhash Place, Kohat Enclave, Pitampura, Rohini, Rithala, Daulat Pur, Pehlampur and

Barwala.

CORRIDOR 2 : It connects Vishwa vidyalaya, Vidhan Sabha, Civil Lines, Kashmere Gate, Delhi Main Station, Chawri Bazar, New Delhi Railway Station, Connaught Place, Patel Chowk and Central Secretariat.

CORRIDOR 3 : It connects Barakhamba Road - Connaught Place, R.K. Ashram Marg, Jhandewalan, Karol Bagh, Rajendra Place, Patel Nagar, Shadipur, Kirti Nagar, Ramesh Nagar, Rajouri Garden, Tagore Garden, Subhash Nagar, Tilak Nagar, Ganesh Nagar, Uttam Nagar, Prem Nagar, Nawada and Dwarka.

(d): Yes, Sir.

(e): Does not arise.

(f)&(g): Studies/investigations for Delhi Metro Phase II Project have been taken up. Work on Phase II Project is dependent on finalisation of the routes, the funding plan and its approval by Government of NCT of Delhi and the Central Government.

(h): Delhi Metro Phase I, itself consists of three lines. Studies for additional corridors (lines) to be taken up in phase II are in progress.

(i): Does not arise in view of reply to (h).