

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
URBAN DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2513
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METRO RAIL FOR KOCHI
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Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

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- (a) Whether a detailed project for Metro Rail for Kochi and its suburbs is pending with the Union Government for approval ;
- (b) If so, the present status thereof; and
- (c) Time by which the decision is likely to be taken by the Government in this regard ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI AJAYMAKEN)4

(a)&(b): An elevated Light Metro System in Kochi is proposed to be implemented by the Govt. of Kerala, on a Public Private Partnership (PPP) basis. This is proposed as a 25.3 Km line from Alwaye to Petta and is estimated to cost Rs.1966 crores. The State Govt. has invited expressions of interest for the same. A private partner is yet to be selected by them. The State Govt. has also been advised to adopt a technology-neutral bidding process.

(c) : The question of Central Government taking a decision arises only if the formal proposal, indicating the quantum of viability gap support needed, is received from the State Govt.