GOVERNMENT OF INDIA URBAN DEVELOPMENT LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:6824 ANSWERED ON:07.05.2010 TREES FOR METRO PROJECTS Saroj Shri Tufani

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the length of metro rail projects in kilometer completed by the Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC) alongwith the length of projects under construction and proposed;

(b) whether lakhs of trees have been cut down indiscriminately for the Metro Projects but new trees have not been planted to compensate for it;

(c) if so, the number of trees cut-down alongwith the number of new trees have been planted in their place;

(d) whether there is proposal to construct pedestrian subways at metro stations; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SAUGATA ROY)

(a): The length of metro rail projects in kilometer completed by the Delhi Metro Rail Corporation Limited (DMRC) alongwith the length of projects under construction and proposed are as under:-

i) Completed - 110.88 km.

- ii) Under construction 75.94 km.
- iii) Proposed 69.57 km.

(b): No, Madam.

(c): 38,759 number of trees are reported to have been cut down for Delhi Metro Rail Project since inception. DMRC has deposited the cost of raising of compensatory plantation of 3,60,861 plants with the Forest Department, Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi.

(d): No, Madam. However, entry-exit points of some of the metro stations can be used for crossing the road from one side to the other.

(e): Does not arise.