

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
URBAN DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1038

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METRO RAIL IN COCHIN

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Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the State Government of Kerala has submitted any proposal for metro rail project in Cochin;
- (b) if so, the details thereof including its estimated cost and the funding pattern between Centre and State;
- (c) whether there is any objection from the Planning Commission in starting the Cochin metro rail project;
- (d) if so, whether such objections were raised by the Planning Commission in the case of other Metro rail projects like Delhi Metro as well;
- (e) if so, the details thereof;
- (f) whether the Planning Commission is insisting on Private Partnership in metro rail projects; and
- (g) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. Government of Kerala has submitted the proposal of Cochin Metro Rail Project to the Ministry of Urban Development for a total length of 25.3 kms. (fully elevated) on Standard Gauge from Alwaye to Petta at an estimated cost of Rs.2991.5 crore (excluding State taxes) to be implemented by a joint ownership Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) of Government of India and Government of Kerala with 50:50 ownership.

(c) to (g): The Planning Commission has given 'in principle' approval subject to certain conditions. A meeting was held under the Chairmanship of Principal Secretary to Prime Minister on 17.5.2010 to discuss issues relating to the Kochi Metro Project. Member Secretary, Planning Commission, Finance Secretary, Secretary (Urban Development) and Additional Secretary (Expenditure) participated in the meeting. After discussing the issues involved, it was decided that the "Ministry of Urban Development would again circulate a Cabinet Note, take the views of the Ministries concerned and present before the Cabinet all the options/ alternatives for undertaking this project, for its consideration". Accordingly, action has been initiated.