GOVERNMENT OF INDIA URBAN DEVELOPMENT LOK SABHA

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SEPARATE COACH FOR WOMEN IN METRO RAIL
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Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to reserve a separate coach for women in metro rail in order to check the sexual harassment;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government has received any suggestions in this regard; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof alongwith the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

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

(a) to (d): Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC) Ltd. has reported that Metro train is vestibuled throughout so that the train operator can attend to anyone in case of emergency. Metro train is like one continuous space which is accessible to every one. This is primarily on account of passenger safety, convenience and security considerations. Reserving any coach for women would also lead to problems at platform, including segregation issues. Hence, there is no proposal to reserve a separate coach for women in Metro rail. However, 4 seats per coach are reserved in Delhi Metro Rail for women commuters.