

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
URBAN DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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IMPLEMENTATION OF KOCHI METRO RAIL PROJECT
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Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the present status of the Kochi Metro Rail Project in Kerala;
- (b) whether the Government has taken any decision about the proposed funding pattern for the Kochi Metro Rail;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) the measures proposed to be taken by the Government for the speedy implementation of the project; and
- (e) the time by which the project is likely to be completed?

Answer

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

(a) to (e): Government of Kerala submitted the proposal to the Ministry of Urban Development for setting up of Kochi Metro Rail in Kochi covering a total length of 25.3 km (fully elevated) from Alwaye to Petta at an estimated cost of Rs. 2991.5 crore (excluding state taxes). The final approval for the project requires a number of approvals at various levels involving inter ministerial consultations, tie up of funding arrangements etc. The proposal for Kochi Metro Rail Project is under consideration of the Government presently. It is premature to indicate whether the project is likely to be cleared or not by the Government. Therefore, it is not possible to indicate the time by which the project is likely to be completed.