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URBAN TRANSPORT SYSTEM

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Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has made any comprehensive plan for the development of the urban transport system by introducing viable and environment friendly transportation like Metro rail in various parts of the country;
- (b) If so, the details thereof;
- (c) Whether the Government has made any long term policy for the financial viability and its fast implementation for improving the current transport system in the country;
- (d) if so, the details of criteria under consideration in this regard; and
- (e) the total expenditure likely to be incurred on its implementation and the arrangements made by the Government to mobilise funds for the purpose ?

Answer

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

- (a) & (b): The Government has formulated the National Urban Transport Policy (NUTP), 2006 which lays emphasis on promoting public transport which is environment friendly as compared to personalized mode of transport.
- (c) & (d): NUTP envisages prioritization of investment in public transport, pedestrianisation and non motorized transport, land use and transport integration, Intelligent Transport Systems, transport demand management etc. The policy (NUTP) also envisages the central Govt.'s capital support in form of viability gap funding subject to ceiling of 20% of the capital cost of the project.
- (e): As per a recent study got conducted by the Ministry of Urban Development through M/s Wilbur Smith Associates Pvt. Ltd. in 2008, the total requirement of funds for urban transport in 87 identified cities by 2030 is roughly estimated at Rs. 4,35,380 crore.