

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
URBAN DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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TRANSPORT ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME
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Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is promoting Transport Oriented Development in metropolitan cities across the country;
- (b) if so, the steps being taken to ensure that this new planning strategy does not cause inconvenience to essential civic infrastructure projects in the short run;
- (c) whether adequate priority is being given for setting up of Metro Rail services in cities with high population level;
- (d) whether the required funds for these projects are made available; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

- (a): Yes, Madam. The Union Government is promoting Transport Oriented Development along Mass Rapid Transit System (MRTS) corridors as a matter of policy as envisaged in the National Urban Transport Policy, 2006.
- (b): The Central Government has only issued advisories to the State Governments, who are supposed to take further action in the matter considering all aspects.
- (c): Yes, Madam. Adequate priority is being given for setting up of Metro Rail services in cities with high population level and high traffic demand, subject to overall funds availability.
- (d) & (e): The required funds for these projects are made available depending on the overall funds availability of the Government. So far, progress of none of the sanctioned Metro Rail projects have been affected due to funds constraint.