

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
URBAN DEVELOPMENT  
LOK SABHA**

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EAST WEST METRO CORRIDOR IN KOLKATA  
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**Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) the present status of East-West Metro corridor in Kolkata along with the name of the agency which is implementing the project;
- (b) whether the work of said corridor is inordinately delayed;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (d) the steps taken by the Government to expedite the work; and
- (e) the time-frame by which the project is likely to be completed and become operational?

**Answer**

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

(a):The Kolkata Metro Rail Corporation Limited, the Implementing Agency, has completed 95% of Elevated portion and 15% of underground portion of the Civil Works of East-West Metro corridor in Kolkata. The electrical works, rolling stock and signalling & telecom works are in progress.

(b): The Project is running delayed by about 2 years.

(c): The reasons for delay:

- i. Land related disputes at Duttabad and Swabhumi in Elevated portion.
- ii The delay in Land Acquisition and Rehabilitation of Project Affected Persons in Phoolbagan, Central and Mahakaran Stations.
- iii. Delay by Railway authorities in handing over land in Sealdah and Howrah Stations.

(d): In late 2011, Railway authorities have handed over land at Sealdah Station and for Sealdah cross-over. A part of the required land in Howrah Station is also being handed progressively. Land acquisition and rehabilitation issues at Mahakaran Station, the possession has been taken over and construction work started. In Central Station, maximum portion of land possession has been taken over and remaining land will be taken over soon. Acquisition process at Phoolbagan Station is in advance stage. Land Acquisition and Construction of Rehabilitation building is also in progress.

(e): The scheduled date for completion of Phase –I project (Salt Lake Sector-V to Sealdah) is April, 2015 and Phase – II (Entire Corridor) is October, 2016.