

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
URBAN DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:377
ANSWERED ON:19.12.2012
TECHNICAL FAULTS IN AIRPORT METRO
Rao Shri Nama Nageswara

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Delhi Airport Metro Express Private Limited has appointed Hong Kong Technical University as consultant for detailed analysis of the damaged clips in the airport metro express corridor;
- (b) if so, the details including the findings thereof;
- (c) whether any decision has been taken to resume the services at low speed;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the steps proposed to be taken to ensure passengers safety on this corridor before resuming operations?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI KAMAL NATH)

(a) to (e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 377 FOR 19.12.2012 REGARDING TECHNICAL FAULTS IN AIRPORT METRO.

- (a): Yes, Madam. M/s Delhi Airport Metro Express Pvt. Ltd. (DAMEPL) has appointed Hong Kong Technical University as consultant for detailed analysis of the damaged clips in the Airport Metro Express corridor.
- (b): The consultant has undertaken various measurements to find out the cause of the failure of the clips. No report has been submitted by the consultant about the findings.
- (c): Yes, Madam.
- (d): It has been decided to resume services at a speed of 80 kmph against the maximum permissible speed of 120 kmph.
- (e): Delhi Metro Rail Corporation Ltd. (DMRC) has informed that before suspension of train services in July 2012, trains were already running at 80 kmph since February 2012 on account of problem of breakage of clips. It was observed that at 80 kmph, cases of breakage were 10-12 clips per day and they were immediately replaced during non-operational hours. Therefore, there was no danger to safety of passengers. The proposal for reopening train services have been submitted to the Commissioner of Metro Rail Safety with proposed speed of 80 kmph, which is considered safe.