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

- (a) whether the Government is aware of the deteriorating urban transport situation in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) the steps taken/being taken by the Government in this regard;
- (d) whether the Government has set up/proposes to set up Unified Metropolitan Transport Authority; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof along with its proposed functions and the time by which the said Authority is likely to be set up?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI DEEPA DASMUNSHI)

(a)to (c) Urban transport situation is not deteriorating in the country. However, a Working Group was set up to submit a report on Urban Transport for the 12th Five Year Plan. The detailed report as submitted by the Working Group is hosted on Ministry's website www.urbanindia.nic.in and the Government is continuously working to improve the urban transport facilities as suggested in the report. Government has approved 21 Bus Rapid Transit System (BRTS) in which, 3 projects has been completed and remaining projects are under completion. Total 15260 buses have already been sanctioned to all 61 mission mode cities under Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JnNURM). The details of approved metro rail proposals are at Annexure-I. The details of ongoing metro rail projects and the time of completion are given in Annexure-II.

(d) The National Urban Transport Policy (NUTP), 2006 recommends setting up of a Unified Metropolitan Transport Authority (UMTA) for all million plus cities.

(e) The overall aim of the UMTA is to act as an umbrella body which plays an important role in creating a future vision for improved mobility and ensuring that the required investments take place. It could perform planning, co-ordinating and regulatory functions of urban transport system and their integrated management. 14 States have setup UMTA at State/Regional/City level.