GOVERNMENT OF INDIA URBAN DEVELOPMENT LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3850 ANSWERED ON:20.03.2013 DELHI METRO Pradhan Shri Nityananda;Ramasubbu Shri S.

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware of the report that Delhi Metro is not disaster ready and its Terrestrial Trunked Radio (TETRA) and wireless sets fail to work inside the metro rail especially in the underground route;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the DMRC has taken any steps to improve the safety of its installations and the passengers in order to avoid any mishappenings;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): Delhi Metro Rail Corporation Ltd. (DMRC) has reported that they are in readiness to handle disaster and its TETRA radio system and wireless sets are working normal in elevated as well as underground routes. The system is used for all operations and exigencies on daily basis by all departments of Delhi Metro.

(c) & (d): Security of Delhi Metro has been entrusted to Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) by Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA). CISF is guarding depots & receiving sub- stations. Armed guards are posted at metro stations. All commuters are checked / frisked and their baggage is scanned through X- Ray Baggage Inspection System (100% commuter screening & baggage inspection). Anti – sabotage check of trains is carried out before departure from Depot. Six Mobile Bomb Detection Squads with canines are also deployed by CISF. Quick Reaction Teams and Crime Intelligence Teams are regularly patrolling in trains & circulating areas of Metro Stations. Equipments to deal with any contingency & riot are made available to CISF. There are seven Metro Police Stations of Delhi Police, who have been entrusted with crime prevention / detection and maintenance of law and order. Wide publicity is given about safety precautions to be taken by commuters by regular announcements in trains and at stations and on Public Information Display inside the trains and at metro stations.

(e): Question does not arise.