

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
URBAN DEVELOPMENT  
LOK SABHA**

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FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR METRO RAIL PROJECTS

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**Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) Whether the central Government has received proposals from various States including Karnataka, Bihar and West Bengal for metro and mono rail projects:
- (b) If so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government thereon;
- (c) Whether the Central Government provide financial assistance to the State Government for establishing metro rail network;
- (d) If so, the details of the financial assistance given/sanctioned by the Government to each ongoing and upcoming projects so far;
- (e) Whether it is a fact that construction of metros across the country have created danger to the heritage sites and residential buildings; and
- (f) If so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

**Answer**

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

(a)& (b): The Ministry of Urban Development has received no proposal for new metro rail projects from State Government of Karnataka, Bihar, and West Bengal. Regarding other States, proposals for Metro Rail Projects in Nagpur (Maharashtra), Pune (Maharashtra), Lucknow (Uttar Pradesh) and Tricity of Chandigarh, Panchkula and Mohali are under consideration in this Ministry. Also, proposals for Monorail have been received from Government of Tamil Nadu for Chennai City and from Government of Kerala for Thiruvananthapuram and Kozhikode during the current year which are under consideration in this Ministry.

(c)& (d): Yes, Sir. The Central Government provides financial assistance to the Metro Corporations for establishing metro rail network. Subject to the availability of funds and the appraisal and approval of the project, as per National Urban Transport Policy (NUTP), 2006, Government of India provides funding to the extent of 20% of the cost of metro rail projects either through equity and subordinate debt if the project is taken up through a 50:50 jointly owned Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) of Government of India & the State Government or through Viability Gap Funding (VGF) if the project is taken up in Public Private Partnership (PPP) mode.

Government of India also provides upto 50% funding for preparation of Detailed Project Report (DPR) of Mass Rapid Transit System (MRTS) projects. The Details of the financial assistance provided by the Central Govt. for the ongoing Metro Rail Projects are given in Annexure I

(e)& (f): No, Sir. Abundant precautionary measures and studies are undertaken to avoid any damage to heritage sites and residential buildings. Some concerns were raised in relation to heritage buildings/old buildings in some locations in Chennai Metro, Bangalore Metro and Jaipur Metro. Precautionary measures and remedial measures taken in this regard included one or more of various measures, as required, such as strengthening and propping arrangements, building condition study, soil study and testing, etc.