

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
URBAN DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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DRINKING WATER AND AWARENESS
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Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is considering to provide free drinking water to Metro passengers in the country, especially in Delhi;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the timeframe for implementation and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) whether the Government proposes to undertake an awareness campaign for drinking water and sanitation in Delhi in light of its water and sanitation issues and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI BABUL SUPRIYO)

(a) to (b) : At present. Metro Rail under 50:50 partnership between Government of India and the concerned State Government are only operational in Delhi and Bangalore. Though Delhi Metro Rail Corporation Ltd. (DMRC) is providing drinking water through commercial outlets at 128 metro stations on payment basis, in case of non- availability of drinking water facility through commercial outlets, the station staff has been advised to provide drinking water to facilitate such commuters who demand the same.

Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Ltd. (BMRCL) does not provide free drinking water.

(c): Delhi Jal Board has carried out multimedia awareness campaigns on Water Conservation, Rain Water Harvesting, Revenue Management System, Consumer Redressal Avenues etc.