

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
URBAN DEVELOPMENT  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3901  
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**Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the ridership of the Airport Metro Express Line has increased since the Delhi Metro Rail Corporation has taken over the line from the Reliance Infrastructure;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the increase in the profitability of the said line;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to reduce the fare of the Airport Express Line in order to increase the ridership and profitability of the line; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. VENKAIAH NAIDU)

(a): Yes, Madam.

(b): Delhi Metro Rail Corporation Ltd. (DMRC) has informed that there has been increase in average monthly ridership by 30.4% since July, 2013 when the line was taken over by DMRC from M/s Delhi Airport Metro Express Pvt. Ltd. DMRC has further informed that the operating loss has reduced from Rs. 345.25 lakhs in the month of July 2013 to monthly average of Rs. 82.09 lakhs from April 2014 to June 2014.

(c) & (d): Yes, Madam. DMRC has reduced the fare of Airport Metro Express Line by about 40% for various types of trips w.e.f. 24.07.2014.