

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
URBAN DEVELOPMENT  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:500  
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MASS RAPID TRANSIT SYSTEM POLICY  
P. Shri Nagarajan

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

- (a) Whether the Union Government has any proposal to formulate a new Mass Rapid Transit System (MRTS) policy for metropolitan cities ;
- (b) If so, the details thereof and the time by which it is likely to be put in place;
- (c) Whether the Ministry of Finance requested for a moratorium on new metro projects till a comprehensive MRTS policy is ready; and
- (d) If so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI BABUL SUPRIYO)

(a): No, Madam.

(b): Does not arise

(c)& (d): Yes Madam. In the Public Investment Board meeting for appraisal of Lucknow Metro Rail Project Proposal held on 25.08.2014, Ministry of Finance had observed that there should be a moratorium on further Metro Projects till a comprehensive policy for Mass Rapid Transport System is evolved for the metropolitan cities. Ministry of Urban Development is in the process of exploring the necessity of a Metro Rail Policy in the light of above observation of Ministry of Finance and more number of metro rail project proposals.