

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
URBAN DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:648
ANSWERED ON:26.11.2014
TRANSPORT SERVICE IN GUWAHATI
Sarmah Shri Ram Prasad

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has received any proposal from the Government of Assam to improve the local transport service in Guwahati city;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) The steps taken/being taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

(a): Yes, Madam.

(b): Ministry has received following proposals from Government of Assam to improve the local transport service in Guwahati city:

- (i) Detailed Project Report (DPR) for procurement of 500 buses with ancillary infrastructure for financial assistance under Bus Funding Project of Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renew Mission (JnNURM).
- (ii) Request to provide necessary resources and technical guidance for developing Metro/Light Rail Transit (LRT) System in Guwahati.
- (iii) Detailed Project Report (DPR) for inland water transport for funding under JnNURM.

(c): The action taken by Ministry on the above mentioned proposals is as under:

(i) Keeping in view of availability of limited number of buses, Ministry of Urban Development in its 7th Central Sanctioning and Monitoring Committee

(CSMC) meeting held on 13.01.2014 sanctioned 400 buses along with two ancillary infrastructure projects i.e. Depot upgradation and ITS centre to the State Government for the city of Guwahati. The 1st installment of Government of India share i.e. Additional Central Assistance (ACA) amounting to Rs.54.99 Cr. has already been released.

(ii) Ministry has given 'in principle' approval for preparation of Feasibility cum Detailed Project Report (DPR) for developing Mass Rapid Transit System (MRTS) in Guwahati and also released mobilization advance of 10% amounting to Rs.30.35 Lakh on 20.08.2014 to State Govt. of Assam.

(iii) Since the Inland Water Transport Projects are not an eligible component under JnNURM, it could not be considered.