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Title: Need to allocate funds for Pune Metro Project.

SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE (BARAMATI): I would like to draw the attention of the Government towards the traffic conditions in the city of Pune. It has become a very serious problem due to ever increasing number of vehicles on road. The reports about jams and heavy snarls on many important roads are very common phenomenon. With the onset of monsoon the problem gets even worse. The survey conducted by an NGO "Save Pune Traffic Movement" revealed that the share of personal vehicles has reached 47 per cent. The public transport share is mere 19 percent. There is a need to increase share of public and non-motorized transport in the city. The traffic congestion not only brings discomfort for the commuters but also pollutes the environment. The report on ambient air pollution published by WHO ranks 31 Indian cities in top 100 most polluted cities with highest concentration of particles smaller than 2.5 microns. Pune is one of the cities in the list. There is an urgent need to provide a sustainable & affordable public transport system like metro facility which will reduce traffic congestion and reduce the pollution level in the city. Even though Pune is the seventh largest metropolitan city in India and plays a major role in nation's development, there has been no allocation of funds for Pune metro in this budget. I would urge the Government to relook its allocation and provide a provision for allocating funds for Pune Metro.