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Title: Need to sanction adequate funds for completion of Metro Projects in Kolkata, West Bengal.

PROF. SAUGATA ROY (DUM DUM): The Ministry of Railways in 2009 sanctioned five metro Railways to Kolkata namely, Dum Dum-Barasat, Dum Dum-Dakhineswar, Dum Dum-Barrackpore, Airport-New Garia and Joka Vividi Bagh. These lines were meant to reduce traffic and transportation problems in Metro areas of Kolkata. The total estimated amount for all these projects is around Rs.10,000 crore. Besides these Projects, another project namely express metro is also there having estimated cost of Rs.4,800 crore. In this financial year, only a sum of Rs.540 crore has been sanctioned for the Metro projects in Kolkata in the Railway Budget, which is inadequate to complete all these projects. For the Airport-New Garia and Joka Vividi Bagh projects, only a sum of Rs.150 crore each has been sanctioned. So, it will take years to complete the projects. Hence, I would urge the Railway Minister to sanction more funds for Metro Projects in Kolkata.

HON. SPEAKER: Shri P.K. Biju – not present.

Shri Y.V. Subba Reddy.