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Title: Need to expedite metro project in Capital Region Development Authority (CRDA) in Andhra Pradesh in the first phase.

SHRI JAYADEV GALLA (GUNTUR): Thank you, Madam.

The A.P. Reorganization Act, 2014 mandates the Government of India to take up the Metro Rail Project in Vijayawada, Visakhapatnam, Tirupati, Guntur and Tenali. Finally, an announcement was made that the Metro Rail would be taken up only in Vijayawada and Visakhapatnam in the first phase.

Now that Thullur Mandal has been chosen to be the Capital city area of Andhra Pradesh and the process of land pooling has been taken up by the State Administration, it is all the more necessary and important to have a Metro in the Capital area and surrounding urban centers which are part of the Capital Region Development Authority (CRDA) and the Vijayawada Airport. In fact, the proposed area is presently without any infrastructure that is required for a Capital. So, the laying of Metro in the Capital area is very important, and it is equally important that this Metro be connected to Vijayawada, Guntur, Mangalagiri, Tenali, Tadepalli towns as they are very important towns in the Capital region.

In the first phase itself, the Metro rail terminus must be at such a place to suit the expansion of the Metro towards the new Capital. The KC Canal / Tadepalli needs to be developed as the Metro terminus. Hence, the KC Canal / Tadepalli be included in the first phase, and this point be made as a starting point of the Metro Rail connecting the two routes of Vijayawada with a bridge across the River Krishna. Along with development of the Capital city, the Metro connectivity can be planned from this place connecting the places between the Capital and the Krishna Canal. Further, the Krishna Canal Junction also needs to be upgraded providing halt for passenger trains so that pressure on Vijayawada station is reduced. Public may alight at this place to proceed to the Capital.

In view of this, I request the Government of India to take up the Metro in the CRDA in the first phase itself and expansion of network can be taken up in the second phase. Thank you, Madam.