

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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INTRODUCTION OF METRO RAIL IN BIG CITIES

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Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government has any proposal to start metro railways in big cities on the model of one set up in Delhi;
- (b) if so, the names of cities in the country where the metro rail services are likely to be introduced;
- (c) the schedules for starting metro operations in these places; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Union Government to decongest the metropolitan and other big cities?

Answer

MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD)

(a)&(b): While there is no proposal of the Central Government itself, the respective State Governments have submitted proposals for the expansion of or setting up new rail based Mass Rapid Transit Systems in the cities of Mumbai, Kolkata, Bangalore, Hyderabad and National Capital Region.

(c): Schedules for starting operations would form part of detailed reports to be prepared by the State Governments.

(d): The Central Government provides financial assistance for traffic and transportation studies in various cities which would help the respective State Government to identify measures for decongesting such cities. The Central Government has also extended financial support for a rail based mass transit system in Delhi.