

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
URBAN DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1539
ANSWERED ON:03.03.2006
METRO RAILWAY PROJECT
Chandrapan Shri C.K.

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has received any proposal from the State Government of Kerala regarding setting up of Metro Railway System for Cochin, with a detailed project-report;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the decision taken by the Union Government thereon?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI AJAY MAKEN)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b)&(c): The Government of Kerala has proposed construction of a 25.3 km long elevated rail-based Light metro for Kochi from Alwaye to Petta (Tripunithura) at an estimated cost of Rs.1966 crore (May` 05 prices) without taxes and duties. The State Government has proposed implementation of the project through a public private partnership, for which they have to identify a private partner. As such, question of a decision by the Government of India would arise only after the bidding process is complete and a firm estimate of the financial requirements become available.