

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
URBAN DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2197
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KOCHI METRO PROJECT
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Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has received any proposal with regard to the Kochi Metro Project;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the action taken by the Government on the project?

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 any action by the Government of India would arise only after the bidding process is complete and a firm estimate of the financial requirements becomes available.