

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
URBAN DEVELOPMENT  
LOK SABHA**

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MASS RAPID TRANSIT SYSTEM IN MUMBAI

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**Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether Maharashtra has requested the Union Government to provide 25% equity for implementation of the Mass Rapid Transit System along Andheri-Ghatkopar, Corridor in Mumbai;
- (b) if so, the details thereof including the total cost of the project; and
- (c) the response of the Union Government thereto?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND CULTURE ( SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY )

(a)to(c): The Government of Maharashtra has proposed to construct a Light Rail Transit System on the Versova-Andheri-Ghatkopar Corridor (15.0km) on Build, Operate & Transfer (BOT) basis at an estimated cost of Rs.1500 crore (April'03 prices). The State Government has sought financial support from Government of India by way of 15% of the equity & viability gap funding for this project. The Detailed Project report for this project was received in February, 2005 and the 'in-principle' approval for this project was given by the Planning Commission in April, 2005. The State Government has undertaken a bidding process to identify a private promoter. The requirement of financial assistance from the Central Government, for this project, is to be considered under the scheme of viability gap funding announced by the Ministry of Finance. A firm estimation of the requirement of funds will be possible only after the bidding process undertaken by the State Government is complete.