

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
URBAN DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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MASS RAPID TRANSIT SYSTEM
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Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the steps taken by the Government to improve Urban Transport for improving mobility in Urban areas;
- (b) whether any policy in this regard is under the consideration of the Government;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether Mass Rapid Transit System is proposed to be implemented in some cities; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a)to(c): A National Urban Transport Policy (NUTP) has been formulated by the Government which inter-alia seeks to promote integrated land use and transport planning, greater use of public transport and non-motorized modes of travel and use of cleaner technologies. It offers Central Government's financial support for investments in public transport infrastructure for greater use of non-motorized modes, as well as in the construction of parking facilities, including demonstrative pilot projects. It encourages capacity building at institutional and individual level, innovative financing mechanisms, institutional coordination, association of the private sector and need for public awareness and cooperation.

(d)&(e): Urban Transport is a State subject and proposals for Mass Rapid Transit Systems (MRTS) in cities are to be framed by Urban Local Bodies/ State Governments. MRTS being implemented in some of the cities with Central financial assistance are:-

1. Metro Projects: Delhi, Bangalore, Mumbai & Kolkata.
2. Bus Rapid Transit System (BRTS) Projects: Ahmedabad, Bhopal, Indore and Pune.