

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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'SKY BUS' SYSTEM

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Konkan Railway Corporation Ltd. has proposed 'Sky Bus' system as an alternative to subway system for providing transit solutions to urban areas;

(b) if so, the details of the system; and

(c) the present status of project alongwith funds earmarked therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU)

(a) A techno-economic feasibility study for the implementation of Sky Bus Metro project in Hyderabad was conducted by Konkan Railway Corporation Ltd. for a private party (M/s. Doxport Technologies, Squadron Berhad, Malaysia) with due permission from Government of Andhra Pradesh.

(b) Details thereof are as under:

Techno-economic feasibility study draft report was submitted on 04.11.2006 to M/s. Doxport Technologies, Squadron Berhad, Malaysia.

Total length 22 km (Uppal to Gudimalkapuram)

Total number of stations 19

Capital cost is Rs.1.782 crores (2006-07)

(c) The Sky Bus Project is currently in developmental stage. The test track for 1.6 km for conducting trials has been constructed at Madgaon. Based on the recommendations of Expert committee to evaluate the Sky Bus Technology, a Technical Advisory Group has been constituted by Railway Board. An amount of Rs. 25 crore has been allocated during 2006-07 by the Ministry of Railways.