

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:496

ANSWERED ON:03.03.2005

TRIAL RUN OF SKY BUS METRO

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Konkan Railways has undertaken the trial run of Sky Bus Metro;
- (b) if so, whether the trial run was successful;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) the time by which the Sky Bus Metro is likely to become operational;
- (e) whether the Government proposes to introduce the Sky Bus Metro in some important metro-cities; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) to (f): A statement is attached.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (f) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 496 BY PROF. VIJAY KUMAR MALHOTRA AND SHRI RAVICHANDRAN SIPPIPARAI TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 03.03.2005 REGARDING TRIAL RUN OF SKY BUS METRO.

(a) : Yes, Sir.

(b) to (f): Ministry of Urban Development and Poverty Alleviation has set up a Committee under Chairmanship of Dr. E.V. Indiresan to examine the following issues:

- i) To examine the techno-economic and financial feasibility of the sky bus metro system.
- ii) To ascertain the safety of the system.
- iii) To critically evaluate novel system component, such as suspended rail technology, traversing systems, etc.
- iv) To critically evaluate the integration of different technologies.
- v) Any other matter considered relevant by the Committee.

Success of trial run and implementation of Sky Bus plan can be decided only after the Committee submits its report and the Sky bus technology is proved.