

Title: Need for a Mass Rapid Transport System for Chandigarh .

SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL (CHANDIGARH): Chandigarh, the symbol of modern resurgent India, as Pandit Nehru referred to it, is fast outgrowing the physical and geographical limits originally intended. The satellite towns of Panchkula in Haryana and S.A.S. Nagar in Punjab are veritable extensions of Chandigarh itself. The increase in population during the last decades has put intense pressure on the city's infrastructure. The roads have already started presenting a picture of chaos and the graphs of accidents continue to rise.

Also, being the capital of Punjab and Haryana and equipped with best hospitals and educational institutions, there is a heavy flow of traffic to and from the city. All this calls for a perspective planning for the region and it is imperative that something is done immediately to build a metro rail for Chandigarh-Panchkula S.A.S. Nagar Mohali and a Mass Rapid Transport System is planned for the region including adjoining parts of Himachal Pradesh.

I urge the Government to take immediate steps in this direction.