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Title: Need to include mono rail in Pune metro rail project plan.

SHRI SURESH KALMADI (PUNE): Recently Pune Municipal Corporation (PMC) and Pimpri Chinchwad Municipal Corporation (PCMC) have jointly approved the 7.15 km elevated PCMC portion of corridor - I and accordingly, they have requested the Maharashtra Government for taking up corridor - I alongwith corridor - II of Pune Metro simultaneously. The Maharashtra Government is supposed to submit the proposal very soon for entire 31.315 km phase-one of Pune Metro to the Union Government for approval. The DMRC is to be engaged as interim coordinator for this project. Meanwhile, the Railway Ministry may kindly explore the Mono Rail option as feeder to Pune Metro as integral plan for Pune Metropolitan region so as to make the Metro project more amenable for funding by JICA.

Special purpose Vehicle should be formed with dedicated offices to carry out homework and coordination with other civic agencies for speedy implementation of the project in consultation with the State Government.

I urge upon the Minister of Railways to include Mono rail in Pune Metro rail project plan as it would be very essential for the commuters of Pune Metro.