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Title: Need to release the share of Central Government for Metro Rail Project on Vanaz-Ramwadi Corridor in Pune, Maharashtra.

SHRI SURESH KALMADI (PUNE): The Pune Municipal Corporation (PMC) and Pimpri-Chinchwad Municipal Corporation (PCMC) had jointly appointed Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC) to prepare DPR on Metro for Pune city where roads are not wide enough to cater to the need to reduce heavy traffic density.

The DMRC submitted its final DPR on two corridors;(1) Pimpri-Chinchwad to Swargate for a length of 16.5 Kms and (2) Vanaz-Ramwadi Corridor (VRC) with a length of 14.93 Kms.

Out of the above two corridors, PMC has decided to take up 14.93 Km VRC initially with an equity contribution of 20% from the Government of India and 20% from the Government of Maharashtra i.e. Rs. 518.60 crores from each. The VRC is totally elevated and easy to implement.

I, therefore, request the Central Government to release their equity share in the project cost at the earliest on the lines of Delhi Metro so as to start Pune Metro work without any further delay and fully exempt this project from Central Taxes, which form a major component of the project cost.