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Title: Need to release funds for the proposed Light Metro Project in Kozhikode, Kerala.

SHRI M.K. RAGHAVAN (KOZHIKODE): Kozhikode is a fast developing tier-II city with many hospital and educational hubs. The railway station has over 60,000 footfalls per day and operates one of the largest number of international flights. However, the city is badly deprived of proper modern transport facilities within the city.

There was a proposal for having mono rail facility but later changed to Light Metro scheme. Though some discussion has taken place, but progress for early implementation is still pending.

I understand that the Government of Kerala has already submitted the proposal and the Central Government is required to provide its share of 20% for the proposal.

I take this opportunity to request the Hon'ble Minister for Urban Development to kindly release the required funds so that the Light Metro project for Kozhikode becomes a reality.