

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

RAJYA SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 188
ANSWERED ON 17.03.2023

MERGER OF MRTS - CMRL

*188 SHRI R. GIRIRAJAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that consultants have carried out the study on Mass Rapid Transit System (MRTS) metro merger and interim Reports were submitted in 2018, the details thereof;
- (b) whether Southern Railway has given in-principle approval for handing over MRTS to Chennai Metro Rail Limited (CMRL) and the merger of MRTS with CMRL;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Railways to expedite the merger of MRTS with CMRL and the funds allocated for the same; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Central Government to protect the interests of the employees of MRTS?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS AND
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) to (d) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF STARRED QUESTION NO. 188 BY SHRI R. GIRIRAJAN ANSWERED IN RAJYA SABHA ON 17.03.2023 REGARDING MERGER OF MRTS – CMRL

(a) to (d) Yes, Sir. In response to the request of Government of Tamil Nadu (GoTN) and Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs (MoHUA), Ministry of Railways (MoR) had agreed for a study to be undertaken by Chennai Metro Rail Limited (CMRL) through a consultant and the final report was submitted in February, 2018. During a meeting held on the issue with the officials of MoHUA, it was decided that the proposed taking over of Mass Rapid Transit System (MRTS), Chennai by CMRL can only start after completion of construction of 4th line between Chennai Beach and Chennai Egmore (4 Km). Work of 4th line between Chennai Beach and Chennai Egmore was approved under item No. 41 of Pink Book 2020-21 for ₹ 279.80 Crore. The work was sanctioned in March, 2022 and a fund of ₹ 50 Crore has been allotted for the same. Land acquisition has been taken up. All railway employees working presently on MRTS section will continue to work in other sections of Chennai Division of Southern Railway.
