GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 873 TO BE ANSWERED ON DECEMBER 11, 2023

CHENNAI METRO RAIL PHASE II

NO. 873. SHRI P. WILSON:

Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- a) the details of Chennai Metro Rail Phase II project pending for Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) clearance for the past two years despite receiving approval from public investment board;
- b) the reason for prolonged delaying in approval process and details thereof;
- c) the details of fund allocation proposed by Government and Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) for the project;
- d) the details of initial estimation and revised estimation of the project; and
- e) whether any additional cost has been incurred because of the delay in approval process?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS (SHRI KAUSHAL KISHORE)

- (a) to (d) As per original DPR of Chennai Metro Phase-II, the estimated cost of project had been kept as Rs. 69,180 Cr. Subsequently, Govt. of Tamil Nadu proposed Chennai Metro Rail Phase-II project having revised estimated cost of Rs 63,246.4 crore with metro network length of 118.9 km which is currently under process of approval/ appraisal in Central Government. For such cost intensive project, the approval process entails extensive examination/ appraisal at different levels in Central Government and the approval of such project depends on the feasibility of project and availability of resources. State Govt. proposed this project with external funding of Rs. 33,594 Cr having share of Rs. 20,196 Cr from Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA).
- (e) Chennai Metro Rail Corporation, which is implementing agency for Chennai Metro phase-II project has informed that there is no additional cost incurred so far in the project.
