GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS **RAJYA SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 75** ANSWERED ON 29/07/2024

VISAKHAPATNAM METRO RAIL PROJECT

75. SHRI V. VIJAYASAI REDDY

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

- (a) whether Visakhapatnam is the largest city in Andhra Pradesh with a population of more than 23 lakh;
- (b) whether there has been any progress on the plan to construct a 76.90 km long metro rail facility to be implemented on a PPP model in this city as per the provisions of the AP Reorganisation Act 2014;
- (c) whether initiatives have been taken by Government for expediting the project since January 2024?
- (d) whether DPR along with necessary reports have been submitted to the Government;
- (e) whether all requisite financial clearances and approvals have been processed by Government; and
- (f) if so, details thereof and if not, reasons therefor?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS

(SHRI MANOHAR LAL)

(a) to (f): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (f) OF THE RAJYA SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 75* FOR ANSWER ON 29TH JULY, 2024 REGARDING VISAKHAPATNAM METRO RAIL PROJECT ASKED BY SHRI V. VIJAYASAI REDDY

(a): The Government of Andhra Pradesh has informed that Visakhapatnam is the largest city in Andhra Pradesh with a population of more than 23 lakh.

(b) to (f) : The Government of Andhra Pradesh proposed Visakhapatnam Light Metro Rail Project in January, 2024 consisting 76.90 km of network length on Public Private Partnership (PPP) model. After preliminary examination, Government of Andhra Pradesh has been requested to update the Comprehensive Mobility Plan (CMP) of 2018 submitted along with the proposal which is a prerequisite for appraisal of the project.
