

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA**  
**MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS**  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 696**  
**ANSWERED ON 02/12/2024**

**CHANDIGARH METRO PROJECT**

**696. SHRI RAGHAV CHADHA:**

**SHRI SATNAM SINGH SANDHU:**

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

- (a) the details of the delays in the Chandigarh Metro project, and the primary factors, including concerns over low ridership, that have impacted the project timeline;
- (b) whether Government has conducted any recent feasibility studies or surveys to assess the demand and ridership potential for a metro system in the Chandigarh Tricity area;
- (c) the measures being considered to address financial or ridership concerns that could help in advancing the Chandigarh Metro project; and
- (d) whether Government has outlined any alternative plans or revised timelines for the development of urban mass transit in Chandigarh and surrounding regions?

**ANSWER**

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS**  
**(SHRI TOKHAN SAHU)**

- (a) to (d): Central Government consider the metro rail projects for Central Financial Assistance depending upon feasibility of proposal and availability of resources as and when posed by the concerned State Government or Union Territory administration in accordance with the provisions contained in the Metro Policy 2017. No proposal for Metro Rail system in Chandigarh Tri City area has been received from the concerned State Governments i.e Government of Punjab, Government of Haryana and Union Territory of Chandigarh. Chandigarh Administration has informed that the ridership potential for Metro system in Chandigarh Tri-City area has been assessed in Comprehensive Mobility Plan 2023 and the Detailed Project Report (DPR) of metro system has not been prepared.

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