

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1820
ANSWERED ON 17/03/2025**

STATUS OF MADURAI METRO RAIL PROJECT

1820. SHRI TIRUCHI SIVA:

Will the Minister of Housing and Urban Affairs be pleased to state:

- (a) the current status of the Central Government's evaluation of the Madurai Metro project, and expected timeline for approval thereof;
- (b) the reasons for the delay in approving the Madurai Metro, given that metro projects in other cities have received faster approvals; and
- (c) the current status of securing international funding, and whether Government plans to integrate the interest expressed by Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) with the project's financial planning?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (c): Government of Tamil Nadu has submitted Detailed Project Report for Madurai Metro Rail Projects of Tamil Nadu in February, 2024. without Comprehensive Mobility Plan and Alternative Analysis Report. Government of Tamil Nadu has submitted comprehensive mobility plan and alternative analysis report for Madurai Metro Rail Project of Tamil Nadu only in December 2024, which is essential for project appraisal. Metro Rail Projects being cost intensive undergoes extensive appraisal process as per laid down procedure and intensive scrutiny at different level in Central Government. Financial assistance for such projects in cities or urban agglomerates is considered by Central Government, based on feasibility of the proposal and availability of resources.
