

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2767
ANSWERED ON 18/08/2025**

CANCELLATION OF METRO RAIL PROJECT IN BHUBANESWAR

2767. DR. SASMIT PATRA:

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

- (a) whether Government is aware of reports that the proposed Bhubaneswar metro rail project has been dropped or indefinitely delayed;
- (b) the original feasibility findings and projected ridership estimates for the Bhubaneswar metro, and have they been reassessed recently;
- (c) whether any correspondence or proposal from the State Government of Odisha is pending with the Central Government regarding funding or revision of the project scope; and
- (d) the reasons for non-clearance or shelving of the metro rail plan for Bhubaneswar, despite it being one of the fastest-growing Tier-2 cities with rising urban congestion?

ANSWER

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

- (a) Metro rail projects are cost intensive. Hence these projects are planned in accordance with the provision of The Metro Policy 2017 for ensuring its long term viability and sustainability. Government of Odisha had earlier gone ahead with Bhubaneswar metro rail project without informing and seeking financial support of Government of India. Government of Odisha has now informed that they are reassessing & restructuring the Bhubaneswar Metro Rail Project Phase-I under overall perspective of Comprehensive Mobility Plan (CMP) to ensure its long-term viability, sustainability and urban mobility needs.
- (b) Government of Odisha has informed that as per the original feasibility findings for the Bhubaneswar Metro Project, as detailed in the DPR, the projected daily ridership for the years 2028, 2031, 2041, 2051 and 2054 is 67,367, 72,214, 98,835, 1,42,740 and 1,60,564 respectively.
- (c) No.
- (d) Question does not arise.
