

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS  
RAJYA SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1643  
ANSWERED ON 15/12/2025**

**URBAN MOBILITY AND METRO RAIL/MASS RAPID TRANSIT SYSTEMS IN NORTH  
EASTERN REGION**

**1643. SHRI KANAD PURKAYASTHA:**

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

- (a) the present status of Mass Rapid Transit System (MRTS)/Metro-Lite/Metro-Neo projects sanctioned or under consideration for the North Eastern States, particularly in Guwahati, Shillong, Aizawl, Imphal, Agartala and other capital cities, along with their revised cost, timelines and expected date of commissioning; and
- (b) whether Government has taken any special measures to address the unique challenges of hilly terrain, high rainfall, seismic Zone-V conditions, land acquisition difficulties and escalating costs of construction materials in the North Eastern Region while implementing or planning such projects and if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) & (b): 'Urban planning' is a State subject. Therefore, the respective State Governments are responsible for planning, initiating and developing proposal for development of urban infrastructure including metro projects. As per Metro Rail Policy, 2017, Central Government considers financial assistance for Metro Rail proposals in cities or urban agglomerates based on the feasibility of the proposal and availability of resources, as and when posed by the concerned State Government. No proposal of Mass Rapid Transit System (MRTS) from the concerned North Eastern State Governments has been received for any cities situated therein including Guwahati, Shillong, Aizawl, Imphal, Agartala and other capital cities.

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