GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS

LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 804

TO BE ANSWERED ON DECEMBER 07, 2023

ROUTES UNDER KOCHI METRO RAIL LIMITED

NO. 804. SHRI HIBI EDEN:

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

- (a) whether the finalization of the selection of routes of the third and fourth phases of Kochi Metro Rail Limited (KMRL) has been completed, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (b) whether a funding model has been established for the third and fourth phases of KMRL, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether there are any pending proposals from the Government of Kerala related to the third and fourth phases of KMRL, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether other development plans for income generation to KMRL, have been decided, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (e) whether the completion date of the second phase of KMRL has been fixed, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (f) whether KMRL has initiated the procurement process for additional trains as part of its expansion plans in Phase II and Phase III development projects, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS (SHRI KAUSHAL KISHORE)

- (a) to (c) This Ministry has not received any proposal from Government of Kerala related to third and fourth phases of Kochi Metro Rail Limited (KMRL).
- (d) KMRL has initiated various schemes to increase ridership such as extension of time of train services during festivals and mega events held in the city, organizing various events in metro stations to attract passengers, offering special discounts during non peak hours, group booking, providing feeder bus/auto as a means of last mile connectivity etc. Several non fare box revenue models like renting out space for Office/shops, advertisements in trains and metro stations, semi naming of metro stations, land monetization, etc. were also adopted by KMRL for increasing the income.
- (e) KMRL has informed that the scheduled completion date of the second phase of KMRL is 21/11/2026.
- (f) KMRL has informed that they have initiated preliminary discussion with the rolling stock manufacturers for additional trains for Phase II project.

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