GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS

LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3949

TO BE ANSWERED ON DECEMBER 12, 2019

METRO RAIL PROJECTS IN ANDHRA PRADESH

NO. 3949. SHRI JAYADEV GALLA:

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

- (a) The status of Visakhapatnam and Vijayawada Metro Projects in Andhra Pradesh;
- (b) Whether it is true that EXIM Bank has refused to fund the project and if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) Whether the Government is looking at the other alternative financial institutions to fund the project; and
- (d) If so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS (SHRI HARDEEP SINGH PURI)

(a) & (b): Government of Andhra Pradesh (GoAP) had been requested to submit the revised proposals for Metro Rail Projects for Vijayawada and Vishakhapatnam in line with Metro Rail Policy, 2017. GoAP did not submit any revised proposal in this regard. However, GoAP submitted a proposal for external financial assistance from Korean EXIM Bank for a Light Metro Rail Project in Visakhapatnam on Public Private Partnership (PPP) mode.

The Korean side, after examining the proposal conveyed their inability to finance the Project. The GoAP was, therefore, advised that the project proposal may be posed by them to other bilateral/multilateral agencies for loan assistance through web portal of the Department of Economic Affairs as per the extant guidelines.

(c)&(d) Urban Transport, which is an integral part of urban development, is a state subject. Therefore, formulation of proposals in regard to Metro rail projects with appropriate funding pattern, along with preparation of Comprehensive Mobility Plan, Alternative analysis report, Detailed Project Report etc., are done by the respective State Governments.
