GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS

LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 438

TO BE ANSWERED ON FEBRUARY 03, 2022

KOCHI WATER METRO

NO. 438. SHRI JAGDAMBIKA PAL:

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

- (a) the details and salient features of Kochi Water Metro;
- (b) whether the Government is planning to power the Kochi Water Metro through Solar Energy;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefore;
- (d) whether the Government has proposed any plan to increase the scope of implementation of Water Metro across other cities wherever it is possible and if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the Water Metro is safe as a mode of transport; and
- (f) if so, the details of the technologies used to assure a safer drive?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS

(SHRI HARDEEP SINGH PURI)

- (a) to (d) Urban transport, which is an integral part of urban development, is a State subject. Hence, respective State Governments are responsible for initiating, developing and funding urban transport infrastructure including Water Metro Projects. Details and salient features of Kochi Water Metro Project as received from Kochi Metro Rail Limited are enclosed as Annexure.
- (e) Yes Sir.
- (f) The design of boat is conforming to catamaran design hull, which is highly stable and manufactured under the highest safety standards moderated by Det Norske Veritas (DNV) and Indian Register of Shipping.