

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5385
TO BE ANSWERED ON APRIL 03, 2025

METRO RAIL EXPANSION IN TIER-2 AND TIER-3 CITIES

NO. 5385. SHRI ALOK SHARMA:
SHRI BHARTRUHARI MAHTAB;
SHRI P P CHAUDHARY:
SHRI MADHAVANENI RAGHUNANDAN RAO:

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

- (a) the progress made in respect of Metro Rail expansion projects in Tier-2 and Tier-3 cities;**
- (b) whether the Government proposes to implement any new policies to make Metro systems more financially viable and if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) the steps taken/being taken to integrate metro networks with multi-modal transportation systems to improve urban mobility; and**
- (d) the progress of the Bhopal Metro Rail Project and the time by which the Metro Rail service is likely to begin in Bhopal?**

ANSWER

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

(a) 'Urban planning' is a State subject. Therefore, the respective State Governments are responsible for planning, initiating and developing urban transport infrastructure including integration amongst various modes of public transport. 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. As per Metro Rail Policy, 2017 cities having a population of two million and more may start planning for mass transit systems including metro rail based on the Comprehensive Mobility Plan.

(b) The Metro Rail Policy 2017 also enables innovative financing through Transit Oriented Development (TOD), cultivation of different modes of Non Fare Box and Value Capture Finance (VCF) to ensure financial viability of metro projects.

(c) Central Government has formulated National Urban Transport Policy (NUTP), 2006, Metro Rail Policy, 2017 and Transit Oriented Development Policy, 2017, which act as a guide to State Governments for integrated planning and implementation of urban transport systems in most sustainable and viable manner. The policy also envisages necessarily inclusion of feeder systems, last mile connectivity through pedestrian pathways, Non-Motorized Transport (NMT) infrastructure, and induction of facilities for Para transit modes etc. by participating State Government.

(d) The physical progress of priority section of length 7.2 km from Subhash Nagar to AIIMS of Bhopal Metro Rail Project is 81.26% and is nearing completion.
