GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1895 TO BE ANSWERED ON JULY 31, 2025

MEETINGS OF UNIFIED METROPOLITAN TRANSPORT AUTHORITY

NO. 1895. SHRI MANISH TEWARI:

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

- (a) the date-wise number of meetings convened by the Unified Metropolitan Transport Authority (UMTA), Chandigarh since its creation along with the minutes of each meeting;
- (b) whether the Government has reviewed the findings of the latest RITES-led feasibility committee constituted and if so, the key recommendations thereof regarding the viability of the project;
- (c) whether any joint proposal has been submitted by the Governments of Punjab, Haryana and the Union Territory of Chandigarh to the Union Government regarding the Metro project and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether a Detailed Project Report (DPR) has been prepared and submitted in this regard, if so, the details thereof and if not, the timeline for the same;
- (e) the estimated cost of the Metro project; and
- (f) whether any inter-Governmental financial sharing formula has been proposed between the participating State Governments and the Union Government and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a): Chandigarh Administration has informed that Unified Metropolitan Transport Authority (UMTA) was constituted on 28.04.2023. The first, second and third meeting of UMTA were held on 18.07.2023, 13.12.2023 and 02.09.2024, respectively.

(b) to (f): Respective Union Territory Administrations are responsible for planning, initiating and developing urban transport infrastructure including integration amongst various modes of public transport in the Union Territory.

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/UT Administrations for integrated planning and implementation of urban transport systems. Central Government considers financial assistance to urban rail based system based on feasibility of the proposal and availability of resources, as and when posed by the concerned State Governments/UT Administrations.

Presently, no Detailed Project Report (DPR) of Metro project in Chandigarh has been submitted to Central Government.
