GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3144 TO BE ANSWERED ON DECEMBER 18, 2025

URBAN MOBILITY AND METRO RAIL EXPANSION

NO. 3144. SHRI TEJASVI SURYA:
SHRI BASAVARAJ BOMMAI:
SHRI KHAGEN MURMU:

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

- (a) whether the Government has ensured that ongoing Metro Rail projects including Bengaluru Metro meet revised timelines and cost estimates, if so, the details thereof and the measures taken to address rising raw material costs;
- (b) the key objectives of the proposed National Urban Transport Policy (NUTP) 2025 and the manner in which it would mandate integration of public transport, cycling and pedestrian infrastructure;
- (c) the details of the initiatives being considered to ensure mandatory adoption of National Common Mobility Card (NCMC) standards across all new and existing Metro and Bus systems across the country; and
- (d) the features of NCMC in different metro rail system along with the status of its implementation?

ANSWER

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

(a): Metro Projects are implemented in a systematic manner utilizing State of art, designing and project monitoring tools for optimization of design and faster implementation of project. Further, these projects are monitored regularly by Central Government, State Government and higher management of company. These interventions are helpful in timely completion of project in efficient manner besides offsetting the impact of rise in raw material cost to a certain extent.

- (b): There is no proposal for National Urban Transport Policy (NUTP), 2025.
- (c) & (d): National Common Mobility Card (NCMC) is an interoperable card with vision of "One Nation, One Card" which works seamlessly among different Metro/RRTS and Bus operators. The Ministry has issued directions for implementation of National Common Mobility Card (NCMC) ecosystem based on qSPARC (quick Specification for Payment Application of RuPay Chip) developed by National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI). It is functional in 11 Metro projects and 11 Bus Transport corporations. Further, PM-eBus Sewa Guidelines issued by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs includes implementation of NCMC based Automatic Fare Collection System (AFCS) for bus operations in States/Cities.
