

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 395
TO BE ANSWERED ON MARCH 19, 2026**

EXPANSION OF METRO RAIL PROJECTS IN TAMIL NADU

**NO. 395. SHRI SELVAM G:
SHRI C N ANNADURAI:**

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

- (a) whether the Government is aware that the expansion of Metro Rail projects in Tamil Nadu has contributed to improved urban mobility, reduction in travel time, lower vehicular emissions and increased use of public transport and if so, the details thereof;**
- (b) whether the Government has undertaken any assessment of projected ridership growth, traffic decongestion benefits and carbon emission reduction resulting from ongoing and proposed Metro expansions in the State and if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) whether the Government has approved or is considering Metro Rail projects for Tier-II cities in view of their rapid urbanisation, growing industrial base and increasing traffic density and if so, the details thereof;**
- (d) the total Central financial assistance sanctioned, released and utilised for Metro Rail projects in Tamil Nadu during the last three financial years, year-wise; and**
- (e) the measures taken to ensure timely completion, cost efficiency and integration of metro systems with other modes of public transport?**

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS
(SHRI MANOHAR LAL)**

(a) to (e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 395 FOR ANSWER ON 19th MARCH 2026 REGARDING EXPANSION OF METRO RAIL PROJECTS IN TAMIL NADU ASKED BY SHRI SELVAM G AND SHRI C N ANNADURAI

(a) to (c): Urban transport, which is an integral part of Urban Development, is a state subject. Hence, respective State Government/Union Territory (UT) is responsible for initiating and developing urban transport infrastructure including metro rail projects. The Central Government considers financial assistance for such projects in cities or urban agglomerates, based on feasibility of the proposal and availability of resources, as and when posed by the concerned State Government/Union Territory (UT). In the past, Central Government had given financial support for 54 km of metro network under Chennai Phase-1 and Phase-1 Extension, which are operational since February 2019 and March 2022 respectively. In addition, Central Government has sanctioned Chennai Metro Rail Project Phase-2 with route length of 118.9 kms at cost of ₹ 63,246.4 Cr.

The ridership and its growth, traffic decongestion benefits and carbon emission reduction are worked out as part of the Detailed Project Report study while posing such proposal for Central Government sanction as per the extant Metro Policy 2017. Chennai Metro Rail Limited has informed that the current daily ridership of the Chennai Metro Phase 1 & Phase-1 extension is 4.6 lakh. Chennai Metro Rail Limited has further informed that with implementation of Chennai Metro Phase 1 and Phase-1 extension there is saving of carbon dioxide emission by 2,29,357 tonne annually. The projected growth of the daily ridership is 17.7 lakh with operationalization of Chennai Metro Phase-2.

(d): As per sanction order, total contribution from Government of India for Chennai Metro Rail Phase-2 project is ₹ 7,424.9 Cr towards Equity and Subordinate Debt. In addition, Central Government is also providing Pass Through Assistance against the external loan. Central Government has released fund to the tune of ₹ 14,242.64 Cr for Chennai Metro phase-2 project as per demand raised by Chennai Metro Rail Limited from time to time, since sanction of project in the month of October 2024.

Year-wise details of funds released are tabulated below:

(₹ in crore)

Fund released (Year-wise)	Equity	Subordinate Debt	Pass Through Assistance	Total
2024-25	3,566.21	537.82	1,450.12	5,554.15
2025-26	1,841.19	458.81	6,388.49	8,688.49
Total released	5,407.4	996.63	7,838.61	14,242.64

(e): The progress of ongoing project is regularly monitored by a High Powered Committee, Board of Directors of Metro Rail Corporation and also at different levels in Central and State Government for its timely completion. Chennai Metro Rail Limited has informed that they have implemented Project Management Information System (PMIS) and Building Information Modelling (BIM) for project monitoring and timely completion of project. Contract management issues are periodically reviewed and the designs optimised for stations, viaduct etc. for cost efficiency. CMRL has further stated that corridors are already integrated with other modes such as major Bus Stand, Railway Stations & Airport in Chennai Metro Phase 1 as well as Chennai Metro Phase 2.
