

(c) For the cities of Calcutta and Madras a rail based mass transport system is under construction by the Ministry of Railways. Similarly the Bombay Urban Transport Project-II has a Suburban Rail Project compact which is to be implemented by Railways with the project cost being shared between Ministry of Railways and Government of Maharashtra. For Bangalore

a Feasibility Study is being got conducted by the Government of Karnataka which would recommend the type of MRTS suitable for the city.

(d) to (f) A Feasibility Study was got conducted by M/s. RITES which recommended introduction of a Mass Rapid Transport System as follows :—

1. Underground Metro 27.0 kms.
2. Surface Rail . . . 140.0 kms.
3. Dedicated Busway . 17.5 kms.

TOTAL : 184.5 kms.

The total cost of the project at 1992-93 prices is Rs. 7500 crores approximately. The proposals relating to financial package & institutional mechanisms for implementing the project have been formulated but no final decision on the Project has been taken so far.

#### **Improvement of Horticulture Activities by CPWD in Delhi**

3519. PROF. VIJAY KUMAR MALHOTRA : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether horticulturally common Delhi, has been neglected in comparison to the Delhi of VVIPs and VIPs ;

(b) if so, the reasons thereof ;

(c) the steps taken or proposed to be taken to improve the horticulture activities by the CPWD to combat the rising pollution in Delhi ;

(d) whether the grass in the lawns/open space/parks is neither being grown nor is the same being cut at intervals ;

(e) whether the hedges are also neither being planted/grown nor are being trimmed wherever in existence ; and

(f) if so, the reasons thereof and the steps taken to improve the existing state of affairs?

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THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI P. K. THUNGON) : (a) Horticulturally common Delhi has not been neglected in so far as the Central P.W.D. is concerned.

(b) Does not arise in view of reply to part (a) above.

(c) With a view to improving the environmental conditions, the Central P.W.D. is carrying out tree/shrubs plantation programme every year in various areas under its jurisdiction.

(d) and (e) No, Sir. It has been reported by the CPWD that grass is cut and watered at regular intervals and the lawns are maintained properly. Similarly, hedges are regularly trimmed, hedges are planted in gaps between hedges wherever necessary.

(f) All efforts are made by the CPWD to maintain the lawns, parks and open spaces to a desired standard.

#### **Freezing New Construction in New Delhi Area**

3520. SHRI INDER KUMAR GUJRAL : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Governments attention has been drawn to the write-up in the Times of India dated 11th February, 1994 regarding suggestions made by the PHD