

resistance from the local residents. Thereafter efforts were made a number of times to remove encroachments but due to other priorities of police force, the demolition could not materialise.

Loan for Ashraya Scheme Karnataka

3965. SHRI B.K. HARIPROSAD:
Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government of Karnataka have approached HUDCO for the sanction of loans to the Ashraya Scheme which provides free house and free sites for the downtrodden and weaker sections of society; and

(b) if so, what is the total cost of the project, out of which how much has been sanctioned and how much has actually been released so far besides reasons for delay?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) and (b) Government of Karnataka requested HUDCO for loan of Rs. 301 crores for taking up the Ashraya Housing Scheme. The Karnataka Government executed a Memorandum of Understanding with HUDCO to provide Rs. 176 crores. The State Government has been asked to provide clarifications on a number of points raised by HUDCO on the proposals. HUDCO may be able to finance the project if it is able to mobilise the required funds.

Urban Transport Project

3966. SHRI VITHALRAO
MADHAVRAO JADHAV:
SHRI V. NARAYANA-SWAMY:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what are the urban transport projects in four metropolitan cities;

(b) what are the details of Bombay urban transport project (BUTP-II) and what steps Government propose to take in this regard; and

(c) by when, it is likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) The ongoing metropolitan transport rail projects are given in the statement attached, (*see* below).

(b) and (c) The Bombay Metropolitan Region Development Authority (BMRDA) prepared a project profile for Bombay Urban Transport Project-II (BUTP-II) after the World Bank had indicated their willingness to examine the project, provided certain aspects relating to optimisation of rail capacity and taking integrated view of rail and bus transport are taken into account. Govt. of Maharashtra had been requested to examine and furnish various alternatives for raising funds for the project. A Comprehensive Transport Study for the Bombay Metropolitan Region, which is a part of the BUTP-II, has already started in Bombay with World Bank assistance.

In view of the large investments involved consultation with and agreement of various Government and other agencies is necessary. No final decision in regard to investment in the main project of posing the same to the World Bank has been taken.