

Launching of green urban transport project

2069. SHRI A. ELAVARASAN: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has launched a Rs. 1400 crore green urban transport project namely the Sustainable Urban Transport Project;

(b) whether the World Bank and United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) are providing both technical and financial assistance for its implementation and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SAUGATA RAY): (a) Yes, Sir. The Government has launched a Rs. 1439.01 crore Sustainable Urban Transport Project.

(b) The proposal involves grant from Global Environment Facility (GEF) through the World Bank and United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and loan from the World Bank to the cities through the concerned State Governments.

(c) The main objectives of the Sustainable Urban Transport Project are:-

(i) to strengthen capacity of Government of India, States and cities in planning, financing, operating and managing sustainable urban transport systems; and

(ii) to assist participating States and cities in preparing and implementing demonstration "Green Transport" or "GEF supportable Transport" projects (GT projects).

The project cities are Indore, Mysore, Pimpri-Chinchwad, Pune and Naya Raipur. More cities can join the project in future on 'moving train' concept.

Starting of third metro project

†2070. SHRI Y.P. TRIVEDI: Will the MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.