

in case of loans advanced by the banks to the companies which have been de-allocated coal blocks.

#### **Need for Metro trains in Uttarakhand**

†\*20. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry feels the need to run Metro trains in two big cities of Uttarakhand *i.e.* Haldwani and Dehradun, keeping in view the future conditions in next fifty years;

(b) if not, whether running Metro trains in these cities would be taken into consideration, keeping in view the increasing urbanization and population; and

(c) if not, the details of alternative scheme to tackle increasing traffic inconvenience?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) The Union Government has decided to support preparation of Detailed Project Report (DPR) in all cities having two million and above population as per 2011 census, if a proposal is received from the State Government, after alternative analysis of various modes of transports, preparation of Comprehensive Mobility Plan (CMP) etc. No proposal for metro train in Haldwani and Dehradun has been received by this Ministry.

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

(c) Urban Transport is intertwined with Urban Development which is a State subject. As such the initiatives for urban transport management have to be taken up primarily by the State/Urban Local Bodies (ULBs) level. However, realizing the seriousness of rapidly growing problem of urban transportation, the Central Government has taken active steps like formulation of the National Urban Transport Policy (NUTP), financing of buses for Urban Transport, Bus Rapid Transit System Projects, traffic transit management Centres under urban transport under Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM) and sanction of metro railway projects for various cities.

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