

Concessionaire M/s Delhi Airport Metro Express Limited (DAMEPL) as per the Financing Agreement signed between the Lender and Concessionaire.

(b) and (c) DMRC is not under the obligation to make any payment of installments as the same were to be paid by the Concessionaire *i.e.* M/s DAMEPL. The lenders have informed DMRC that the assets are likely to become Non-Performing Assets (NPA) on account of failure of Concessionaire to pay the regular installments of loan. However, M/s DAMEPL has informed to DMRC that they have paid all the pending installments.

### **Bhopal and Indore Metro Rail Projects**

1728. DR. CHANDAN MITRA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Detailed Project Reports (DPRs) of Bhopal and Indore Metro Rail Projects are pending with Government for approval;

(b) if so, the main features thereof along with the time by when these DPRs are likely to be approved; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to ensure implementation of the projects within a definite time-frame?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI DEEPA DASMUNSI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Does not arise.

### **Expenditure on GISO**

1729. DR. CHANDAN MITRA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has decided to wind up Government of India Stationery Office, Kolkata (GISO) and decentralize its work;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with reasons therefor;

(c) the total annual expenditure on GISO and the staff strength of GISO; and

(d) the steps taken by Government for survival and revival of GISO and also to generate revenue by commercializing its surplus capacity?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI DEEPA DASMUNSI): (a) No.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The total expenditure of GISO for the year 2012-13 was Rs. 19.48 crore.

The sanctioned staff strength of GISO as on 1.1.2014 is 622.

(d) An Internal Work Study Unit (IWSU) study was conducted in September, 2013 to review the staff strength and organizational structure of GISO. The recommendations given by the IWSU team in its report have been examined, and it is proposed to get a study done for comprehensive evaluation of the role, mandate and utility of GISO, and for redefining its role towards optimal utilization of manpower and other resources.

**Guidelines regarding imposition of congestion tax**

1730. SHRI SHADI LAL BATRA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has issued guidelines regarding levying of congestion tax by all the States;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the response of the States thereon; and
- (c) the details of action taken by the States in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI DEEPA DASMUNSI): (a) No, Sir. However, an advisory letter has been issued to all the States and Union Territories in this regard for taking up the survey. A copy of the advisory has also been uploaded on the website of the Ministry of Urban Development.

(b) and (c) Urban Transport is a State subject. Therefore, no comments/reports are to be submitted by the States/Union Territories on the advisory on congestion charging. However, the Central Government has proposed to provide funding upto 80 per cent for taking up study on congestion charging *vide* letter dated 11th July, 2013. So far, no formal proposal in this regard has been received from the States/UTs.

**Funds for development of metropolitan cities**

1731. DR. V. MAITREYAN: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has plans to allocate more funds for the infrastructure development of major metropolitan cities in the country *viz.* Chennai, Bengaluru, Mumbai, Kolkata and New Delhi, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the funds allocated, disbursed and utilized in the last five years for the development of urban infrastructure, year-wise; and
- (c) whether Government is keen in constructing outer ring road and inner ring roads with adequate flyovers in all the major metropolitan cities, particularly Chennai and Bengaluru and if so, the details thereof?