

Heritage status of Delhi

2539. SHRI A.W. RABI BERNARD: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Delhi was selected as India's official nomination to UNESCO for world heritage status in January, 2014;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Ministry has objected to Delhi getting world heritage status fearing it would come in the way of urban development, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether any hindrance to the city's nomination at this advanced level would show India in very poor light and very embarrassing for the whole, if so, the steps taken on this issue?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI BABUL SUPRIYO): (a) to (c) Ministry of Urban Development has concurred with Ministry of Culture's proposal regarding nomination of the imperial cities of Delhi as World Heritage City, with the caveat that development control norms as per Master Plan of Delhi and any other guidelines, as revised from time to time, will be acceptable to UNESCO and no further restriction will be applied.

Environmental provisions in Master Plan 2021

2540. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether DDA has finalized chapters on environment and transport in Master Plan 2021, and if so, the salient features;

(b) whether system to reduce travel demand and pressure on roads, helping pedestrian movement and sharing of public places etc., has been included, if so, the detail thereof; and

(c) whether it has taken into account transit-oriented development, green buildings and rain water harvesting to improve quality of life, if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI BABUL SUPRIYO): (a) No, Sir. Government has not received chapters of Master Plan for Delhi 2021(MPD-2021) on Environment and Transport from Delhi Development Authority for notification.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.