

Alternative to Metro Rail

1363. DR. K.V.P. RAMACHANDRA RAO : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government considered alternatives to metro rail for urban transport, which are more cost effective; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI BABUL SUPRIYO): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. As per National Urban Transport Policy (NUTP), 2006 Government of India (GoI) appraises the proposals received from the State/Union Territory (UT) Governments for adopting the best suited transport mode as per city requirement based on ridership, feasibility and viability. As Urban Transport is a State subject, the State/UT Governments take decision on the mode selection of Urban Transport.

Share of public transport in cities

1364. SHRIMATI VANDANA CHAVAN : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage share of public transport in urban transport in India, city-wise details regarding the contribution of metro, State bus transport, auto-rickshaws/e-autos/share-autos;

(b) whether the percentage share of public transport fleets in cities have declined over a period, the details thereof;

(c) change in percentage share of dependence on different public transports, city-wise details; and

(d) steps taken by Government for augmentation of bus services in cities, actual funds required, fund allocated and utilized in the last three years including current year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI BABUL SUPRIYO): (a) to (c) As 'Urban Transport' is a State subject; no such data is maintained in the Ministry of Urban Development, Government of India.

(d) Ministry of Urban Development has sanctioned financial assistance for procurement of 25,485 buses in two phases *i.e.* during 2008-09 and 2009-10 and 2013-14 to 170 cities/cluster of cities/urban agglomerations under the bus funding