

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI BABUL SUPRIYO): (a) The cities under National Heritage City Development and Augmentation Yojna (HRIDAY) scheme have been identified on the basis of their rich heritage and cultural history.

(b) and (c) The proposal to include more cities in HRIDAY scheme would be considered at the time of expansion of the scheme.

Proposals for metro/mono rail from States

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SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received proposals from various States for metro/mono rail projects;

(b) if so, names of the States from which such proposals have been received;

(c) whether approval has been granted to all the proposals; if not reasons therefor; and

(d) the present status of such metro/mono rail projects including Madhya Pradesh, whether any time frame has been fixed for the completion of such projects and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI BABUL SUPRIYO): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. During current year, the proposals from Andhra Pradesh, Kerala, and Greater Chandigarh Region that includes Union Territory of Chandigarh and States of Haryana and Punjab have been received for metro rail projects.

(c) No, Sir. The sanction of metro rail projects is an ongoing process which requires extensive consultations with all stakeholders. Projects are approved based on the feasibility and availability of resources.

(d) As the above proposals have not yet been sanctioned by Government of India, no time-frame can be fixed for completion of the projects. The State Government of Madhya Pradesh has not forwarded any proposal for metro/monorail project.

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