

Integration of MRTS, Chennai with Chennai Metro

1314. SHRI A. K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the integration of MRTS, Chennai with Chennai Metro Rail would enable effective synergies between various modes of public transport and increase share of public transport;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Government of Tamil Nadu has made a demand to approve the above integration;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu has submitted a representation in this regard; and

(d) if so, the steps taken by Government thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (RAO INDERJIT SINGH): (a) to (d) Yes, Sir. The Government of Tamil Nadu has made a request to the Ministry of Railways for approval of integration of MRTS, Chennai with Chennai Metro Rail Limited. The Ministry of Railways have informed that they have agreed to get the study for integration undertaken by CMRL through a suitable consultant, in coordination with Southern Railway authority.

Participation of World Bank in Indian smart cities

1315. SHRI ANAND SHARMA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the funds allocated for the establishment of smart cities in the country;

(b) the State-wise progress in the implementation of the smart city projects;

(c) whether World Bank and some foreign countries have offered to become partners in establishing the smart cities in India; and

(d) if so, the names of the countries and the cities identified for such partnerships?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (RAO INDERJIT SINGH): (a) Smart Cities Mission will be operated as a Centrally Sponsored Scheme (CSS) and the Central Government proposes to give financial support to the mission to the extent of ₹ 48,000 crore over five years *i.e.* on an average ₹ 100 crore per city per year. An equal amount, on a matching basis, will have to be contributed by the State/ULB; therefore, nearly Rupees one lakh crore of Government/ULB funds will be available for smart cities development. It is anticipated that substantial funds will be required to implement the Smart Cities Proposals and