

Metro projects in Madhya Pradesh

1907. SHRI VIVEK K. TANKHA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has plans to support funds and develop Metro Rail in Madhya Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the stages at which the plans are today and for which cities in the State;

(c) whether Government has finalized the funding of the Metro Rail Projects, if so, when these funds would be received and what are the broad terms of its repayments, whether these funds would be repaid by the Centre or the State; and

(d) whether there is an outright proposed for grant from Union to State to develop these Metro projects?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. VENKAIAH NAIDU):

(a) and (b) No, Sir. Since, Urban Transport is intertwined with Urban Development, which is a State subject, planning for development of urban transport facilities is done by the concerned State/Union Territory (UT)/Urban Local Body (ULB).

(c) and (d) No, Sir.

Infant deaths under five years

1908. SHRI T. G. VENKATESH:

DR. PRADEEP KUMAR BALMUCHU:

Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that as per the study conducted infant deaths under five years of age is high and rampant in India only;

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

(c) the details of the remedial measures being taken by Government to curb these deaths?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA RAJ): (a) As per Registrar General of India, Sample Registration Report (SRS) 2014, the under-five mortality rate is 45. However, as per the UNICEF Report entitled "The State of World's Children 2016: A Fair Chance for Every Child," India ranks 48 out of 197 countries of the world in terms of under five mortality.