

Foreign investment in metro projects

2113. SHRI K. SOMAPRASAD: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the total internal investment in metro projects;
- (b) the total foreign investment therein; and
- (c) the names and investment details of countries which participated in different metro projects in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS (RAO INDERJIT SINGH): (a) The total investment, comprising equity, pass through assistance, grant and subordinate debt by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs as on 31.7.2017 for metro rail project, is ₹ 77,972 crore.

(b) There is no foreign investment in the metro rail projects. However, metro rail projects being implemented on 50:50 joint venture of Government of India and respective State Governments also avail loan from bilateral/multilateral funding agencies.

(c) Does not arise.

Effect of merger of Ministries

2114. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is any proposal for merger of the Ministry of Housing and Urban Poverty Alleviation with the Ministry of Urban Development;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the rationale therefor; and
- (c) whether, due to such merger, the implementation of poverty alleviation schemes would be affected and if so, in what manner it is proposed to be dealt with?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS (RAO INDERJIT SINGH): (a) and (b) A Group of Secretaries (GoS) constituted by the Government in October, 2016 was of the view that the problem of