

Sanction funds for Metro Rail Phase-II, MP urges Centre

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Bhongir Member of Parliament Chamala Kiran Kumar Reddy raised the issue of Hyderabad Metro Rail phase-II in Lok Sabha, under rule 377, and demanded sanction of funds for the project, citing how smaller cities than Hyderabad could get second phase of metro rail, while Hyderabad is being ignored.

He mentioned that the Government of India (GoI) sanctioned metro rail projects as Joint Venture (JV) projects, and they are under construction in more than 20 cities, and most of these cities are much smaller than Hyderabad.

Second largest

These cities include Agra, Bhopal, Bhubaneswar, Indore, Kanpur, Kochi, Lucknow, Meerut, Nagpur, Patna, Pune, Surat, Trivandrum among

others. He said, in 2010, Hyderabad Metro was the second largest network, next to New Delhi, but is presently in the 9th place due to negligence of the previous BRS government.

Citing this, he requested the Minister of Housing and Urban Affairs to consider and sanction the second phase.

Phase-I

The Phase I of the Hyderabad Metro Rail, covering 3 corridors (69 km) was constructed by the Congress government with ₹22,000 crore.

The Telangana government submitted the Hyderabad Metro Rail phase-II expansion proposal covering five corridors (76.4 km) as a JV project of the Government of India and the Telangana government at an estimated cost of ₹24,269 crore, Mr. Chamala Kiran Kumar Reddy said.