

# Worksheet

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Reading : Comprehension Passage

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## 9. Read the passage carefully.

1. Projects in 20 cities, ₹ 2 lakh crore in committed investments, ₹ 2 lakh crore *in the pipeline*<sup>1</sup>. Clearly, India's urbanism is riding into a metro rail future, although gaps remain in making city transport systems 'smart'.
2. Ten cities in the country are implementing metro rail projects, most of them from a zero baseline, since they either have no such facility or have only an *obsolete*<sup>2</sup> rail system. The new trains are comparable to climate-controlled, secure facilities serving passengers in global cities. In the case of the ten other cities, detailed project reports are being prepared. Kolkata was the metro rail pioneer in the pre-liberalisation era, while Delhi is today's icon.
3. Urban planners have concluded that 64 cities have the potential for some form of efficient rail transport today, and 22 of them readily qualify for a full-fledged Metro system. In the case of 42 others, it would have to be less expensive alternatives such as light railways, or bus rapid<sup>3</sup> transit systems.
4. India's metro story, however, needs a stronger base in order to become sustainable. Rail technologies and big *consortia*<sup>4</sup> to implement them may be available off-the-shelf but two key fundamentals have not been fully addressed : a reliable source for funding, and engineering manpower.
5. That is the message to the Centre and State governments from 'Metro Man' E. Sreedharan, whose range of projects spans the Konkan Railway, the Delhi Metro, and several upcoming urban rail projects including Kochi's (which is set to create a record for speedy implementation), and Vijayawada region's, being pursued aggressively by Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu.

SET - I *liberalize - make less strict*

(a) Answer these questions briefly :

1. Which projects are being referred to in para 1 ? *City transport system*
2. What do modern Indian cities need ?
3. How many cities are implementing metro rail projects ? *10*
4. What was Kolkata known for ?
5. Who is called 'Metro Man' ? *E. Sreedharan*

- (b) (i) The first Metro city in India was *Kolkata*
- (ii) No big city in India is qualified for full fledged Metro system. (True/False) (F)

### VALUE POINTS

#### About the passage

The financial and other problems in the way of the spread of the Metro system in Indian cities and some concrete suggestions to solve them.

#### Para 1

- huge investment in city transport being inducted

#### Para 2

- ten cities implementing metro rail projects from non-existent base

#### Para 3

- 64 cities having the potential for smart rail transport
- 22 of them qualify for such a system

#### Para 4

- Indian Metro system needs a stronger base
- two problems : a reliable source for funding and engineering manpower.

#### Para 5

- this is 'Metro Man' E. Sreedharan's message to the govt.

### GLOSSARY

1. in the pipeline : being planned
2. obsolete : old; outdated
3. rapid : fast
4. consortia : groups of people working together on a project

*implement - put into effect*



1. Underline the phrasal verbs in the following sentences.

- (a) Anna always dozes off in ~~histo~~ history class.
- (b) Thasneem comes across as a ~~a~~ very ambitious girl.
- (c) I ran into Trisha at the supermarket yesterday.
- (d) Why don't you cheer up and just enjoy the moment?
- (e) Passengers ought to check in at least two hours before their flight departs.
- (f) I ~~am~~ wonder when he will finally grow up and begin to take responsibility for his actions.
- (g) Danny is looking for his puppy. He has been asking around about it.
- (h) My ~~a~~ interest in stamp collection ~~is~~ has died down. I ~~gu~~ guess I should gear up to find another ~~ho~~ hobby.