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A Malaysian global service provider Thursday proposed to the government to build monorail in the capital to reduce sufferings of the city dwellers from nagging traffic jams, officials said.

Scomi Group of Malaysia came up with the proposal to build monorail in the city as the delegation of the group discussed the issue with the finance minister Thursday.

"We discussed with the delegation the monorail issue. They will give us details of the project proposal. After getting it, we will send the same to the Ministry of Communication for final decision," Finance Minister Abul Maal Abdul Muhith told the media after meeting with the delegation at his secretariat office.

The finance minister said the government will not require to acquire public lands to implement the planned monorail project rather it will be built on the road divider space on the middle of the road.

He said, initially, the government has a plan to build up monorail from the Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport to the city suburbs.

He said the cost of the monorail project will be cheaper compared to other communication systems.

"The planned monorail project will be implemented through Public Private Partnership (PPP) basis. It is the best solution to reduce the gridlock in the capital," he mentioned.

The delegation of Scomi Group made a vivid presentation to the finance minister on their ongoing monorail projects in some mega cities in different countries around the globe.

"We are ready to assist Bangladesh government in building monorail in the capital Dhaka," Head of Business Development of India Scomi International S. Selvaraja Chinnasamy told the FE.

Scomi Group has been implementing monorail project in Mumbai with its Indian partner.

Asked about the advantages of monorail and its capacity to carry passengers per hour, Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Atlanta Group of Company, Khandaker Mohiuddin said: "The monorail could carry 80,000 passengers per hour on both ways".

Scomi Group, a global service provider mainly in the oil and gas industry, is a company listed on the Main Market of Bursa Malaysia. It has mobilised over 5,000 employees in 60 locations of 29 countries.

Scomi Group has been expanding in the emerging markets of Brazil, India, Gulf states and China. The Group is accelerating its continued growth as one of the three world-leading manufacturers of innovative transportation solutions especially in monorail systems.

Scomi is currently initiating project PYRAMID for community development and also has plans for rehabilitation in the vicinity where the monorail goes through.

Scomi International Chief Operating Officer (COO) Mr Chee Chiak Yang, General Manager, Development, Mr. Syed Hossain and Atlanta Group chairman Mr. Omar Farooque, among others, were present.