

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO - 940
ANSWERED ON- 14/12/2022

USAGE OF PUBLIC ROAD TRANSPORT IN THE COUNTRY

940. SHRI AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) funds released to improve public road transport infrastructure during the last five years, year-wise details thereof;
- (b) whether Government has made any effort to increase the usage of public road transport, especially in light of the growing fuel prices;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the steps taken to increase accessibility of public road transport during the last five years?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

(SHRI NITIN JAIRAM GADKARI)

(a) Funds have been released to State Governments under the scheme namely “Central Assistance for Strengthening ITS in Public Transport Scheme” being administered by Ministry of Road Transport & Highways. Details are provided as under;

S.No.	Year	Amount
1.	2016-2017	Rs. 45.20 Lakhs
2.	2017-2018	Rs. 24.635 Lakhs
3.	2018-2019	Rs. 28.64 Lakhs
4.	2020-2021	Rs. 15.17 Crores
5.	2021-2022	Rs. 9.66 Crores

(b) to (d) The Ministry of Road Transport and Highways has issued guidelines dated 23.06.2022 for the Scheme namely “Central Assistance for strengthening the ITS in Public Transport System in the Country”. Financial support to State Transport Undertakings is provided under the Scheme for procurement of hardware and software components for fleet management system, electronic ticketing & fare collection system (including NCMC) and passenger information & feedback system.

(e) Ministry of Road Transport and Highways has issued the Accessibility Guidelines for Bus terminals and Bus Stops on 29.08.2022 which covers the planning and design aspects of areas in

bus ports/bus terminals and bus stops, so that these areas can be made accessible to all. Special emphasis has been laid on ensuring ease of access for the use of these facilities by end users. The aim is to ensure seamless inclusion of Divyangjan, irrespective of their disability in the context of accessibility to any such infrastructure. Further, following is the status of accessibility in the Government owned buses under the Accessible India Campaign:

Sr. No.	Number of Buses held by STUs	Total number of buses	Number of accessible buses	Total	% age of accessibility
1	Intercity operations	101841	26993*+140**	27133	27%
2	Urban operations	44361	14984*+9038**	24022	54%
3	Total	146202	51155	51155	34.99%

*Accessible buses with feature of accessibility but without wheel chair accessibility

**Fully accessible buses including wheel chair accessibility
