# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS RAJYA SABHA

### UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 880 TO BE ANSWERED ON DECEMBER 11, 2023

#### AUGMENTATION OF CITY BUS SERVICE SCHEME

#### NO. 880. SHRI SANJEEV ARORA:

### Will the Minister of *Housing and Urban Affairs* be pleased to state:

- (a) the update on the current status of augmentation of City Bus Service Scheme;
- (b) the details of the amount spent in the last two years; the details thereof, State/UT-wise;
- (c) whether Government is planning to rollout only electric buses or both diesel and electric buses under this scheme, considering India's net zero target; and
- (d) the details of Tier II & III cities proposed to be covered under the said scheme in the State of Punjab?

# ANSWER THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS (SHRI KAUSHAL KISHORE)

(a) to (d): The Government of India has launched "PM-eBus Sewa Scheme" on 16<sup>th</sup> August 2023 with the aim to augment bus operations by deployment of electric buses on PPP model and development of associated infrastructure in urban areas with central assistance of ₹ 20,000 crore. 169 cities falling in the range of 3 lakh to 40 lakh population size, as per census 2011, including 4 cities (Amritsar, Jalandhar, Ludhiana and Patiala) of Punjab are eligible to participate in this Scheme. The process for implementation of the scheme has been initiated by Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs and 3850 e-buses have been sanctioned for deployment of electric buses in 51 cities. During the last two years, no fund has been disbursed to any city under the scheme.

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