

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 691
ANSWERED ON 29/07/2024

**FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR ELECTRIFICATION OF SMALL COMMERCIAL
VEHICLES**

691. SHRI JAGGESH

Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that both buses and metro running within a city on the same route without any of them being saturated and in turn this inefficiency lowers revenue and financial viability;
- (b) whether Government proposes a complete revamp of its urban transport that would include integrating metro and bus networks with emphasis on a switch to clean fuel;
- (c) whether Government also proposes financial support for electrification of small commercial vehicles that largely move goods within cities on the line of supporting deployment of electric buses through subsidy scheme; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS
(SHRI TOKHAN SAHU)

(a) & (b) 'Urban planning' is a State subject. Therefore, the respective State Governments are responsible for planning, initiating and developing urban transport infrastructure including alignment of Metro Rail network and selection of bus routes as per traffic requirement. None of the State Governments or Metro Rail Corporations has reported lowering of revenue due to running of buses and Metro Rail on same route.

Central Government has formulated National Urban Transport Policy (NUTP), 2006, Metro Rail Policy, 2017 and Transit Oriented Development Policy, 2017, which act as a guide to State Governments for integrated planning and implementation of urban transport systems in most sustainable and viable manner with emphasis on use of clean fuel. Central Government provides central financial assistance for promotion of electric vehicles under Faster Adoption and Manufacturing of Electric Vehicles (FAME) – I & II scheme and implementation of Metro rail projects in different cities. Besides, a new Centrally Sponsored Scheme titled as "PM-eBus Sewa" has been launched in August, 2023 with the aim to augment urban transport by deploying 10,000 electric buses for city bus operations with central assistance of ₹ 20,000 Crore.

Ministry of Road Transport and Highways has issued following notifications for promotion of electric vehicles and clean fuel:

- (i) Exemptions have been granted to the Battery Operated Transport Vehicles and Transport Vehicles running on Ethanol and Methanol fuels from the requirements of permit.
- (ii) Battery Operated Vehicles have been exempted from the payment of fees for the purpose of issue or renewal of registration certificate and assignment of new registration mark.
- (iii) All India Tourist Permit for battery operated vehicles are issued without payment of registration fee.
- (iv) Retro-fitment of hybrid electric system or electric kit to vehicles and their compliance as per standards.
- (c) No.
- (d) Does not arise.
