

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS  
RAJYA SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2296  
TO BE ANSWERED ON DECEMBER 16, 2024**

**IMPLEMENTATION OF ATAL MISSION SCHEME IN PUDUCHERRY**

**NO. 2296. SHRI S. SELVAGANABATHY:**

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

- (a) whether Government of Puducherry had implemented the scheme "Atal Mission" towards improving public transport;
- (b) if so, the number of buses purchased under the scheme during the last five years;
- (c) whether any fresh proposal has been received from Government of Puducherry towards purchase of new buses under the scheme;
- (d) considering the quantum of urbanisation of Puducherry, whether Government will allocate more funds towards public transport system under Atal Mission; and
- (e) whether there is any criteria that the buses purchased under the scheme should be in operation for specific number of years, if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) to (e): The Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT) was launched by the Central Government on June 25, 2015, for 500 cities (485 cities including 15 merged cities) across all States/ Union Territories (UTs) in the country. The major thrust areas of the Mission are water supply, sewerage & septage management, storm water drainage, green spaces & parks, non-motorized urban transport and capacity building.

Non-motorised Urban Transport is one of the thrust areas of the AMRUT Mission that includes provision of pedestrian, non-motorized and public transport facilities, cycle tracks, parking spaces etc. Under this sector, the purpose is to bring down traffic congestion and to reduce pollution by switching to public transport or constructing facilities for non-motorized transport (e.g. walking and cycling). Against the total plan size of ₹77,640 crore, ₹1,436 crore (2%) has been allocated under this sector.

Under AMRUT, States/ UTs are empowered to design, prioritise and implement the projects within within the broad framework of Mission guidelines. Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA) approves State Annual Action Plans (SAAPs) under AMRUT as per recommendation of State High Power Steering Committee (SHPSC) headed by Chief Secretary of the States/ UTs.

Puducherry has not taken up any Non-motorised Urban Transport projects under AMRUT scheme.

However, Government of India have launched a Centrally Sponsored Scheme titled “PM – eBus Sewa” Scheme on 16<sup>th</sup> August 2023, which aims to augment city bus operation by deploying 10000 electric buses on Public Private Partnership (PPP) model. Under this Scheme, 75 e-buses have been sanctioned to Puducherry for deployment on Gross Cost Contract Model.

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