

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1639
TO BE ANSWERED ON 13.03.2025

Expansion of PM-eBus Sewa Scheme in Pune

1639. DR. MEDHA VISHRAM KULKARNI:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is considering the expansion of the PM-eBus Sewa Scheme in Pune to promote eco-friendly urban transport and reduce vehicular emissions;
- (b) if so, the details of the current fleet size, future expansion plans, and timelines for adding more electric buses in Pune; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE
(SHRI KIRTI VARDHAN SINGH)

(a) to (c): Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA) launched a Centrally Sponsored Scheme titled "PM-eBus Sewa" on 16th August 2023, which aims to augment city bus operations in urban areas with Central Assistance (CA) of Rs. 20,000 crore for deploying 10,000 electric buses on a Public-Private Partnership (PPP) model. Cities with a population between 3-40 lakhs and other State/UT Capitals with less than 3 lakh population as per the 2011 census are eligible to participate in the scheme.

As per the guidelines of the scheme, Pune city is not eligible to participate under the PM-eBus Sewa Scheme. Pune city has current fleet of 490 electric buses and has applied to the Ministry of Heavy Industries (MHI) for deployment of 1000 additional e-buses under the PM E-DRIVE scheme.
