

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS
RAJYA SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2610

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DEDICATED LANES FOR BICYCLES AND PEDESTRIANS ON URBAN ROADS

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

- (a) whether government is aware of the growing need for separate and dedicated lanes for bicycles and pedestrians on urban roads like the developed nations, to promote safety and sustainability;
- (b) if so, the steps being taken to implement such infrastructure in major cities, and timeline for the completion of these projects; and;
- (c) the manner in which Government plan to ensure the adequate maintenance and safety of these lanes, especially in high-traffic areas, to encourage non-motorized transport and reduce congestion?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (c): Urban planning is a State subject. The respective State Governments are responsible for planning, management, development, execution and maintenance of Urban Transport system including creation of dedicated lanes for bicycles and pedestrians. Government of India issues policy guidelines for systematic development of urban transport infrastructure and also provides financial support to such infrastructure projects through various schemes / projects. Some of the initiatives taken by Central Government for creation of dedicated lanes for bicycles and pedestrians are as under:

- (i) Non-Motorised Transport is one of the thrust areas of the AMRUT Mission of this Ministry that includes provision of pedestrian, non-motorised and public transport facilities, cycle tracks, parking spaces etc. Under this Mission, 430 km of pedestrian/ walkways and nearly 43 km of cycle tracks have been created;
- (ii) Under the Smart City Mission, 45 cities have taken up a total of 93 projects amounting to a total of Rs. 1013 crore for laying of bicycle tracks/ Public Bicycle Share (PBS) system to promote and create safe space for non-motorized transport.
