

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS  
RAJYA SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1637  
ANSWERED ON 04/08/2025**

**CYCLE RICKSHAW PULLERS IN CITIES**

**1637. SHRI SATNAM SINGH SANDHU:**

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

- (a) whether any survey or data is available regarding the number of active cycle rickshaw pullers in Indian cities;
- (b) whether Government is considering schemes to transition cycle rickshaw pullers to electric rickshaws or other dignified livelihoods;
- (c) the number of rickshaw pullers trained or assisted under electric vehicle transition schemes;
- (d) the steps taken to safeguard traditional workers during urban transportation modernization?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) to (d): Urban Transport System is part of urban planning which is State subject. Maintenance of any data regarding number of active cycle rickshaw pullers including conducting survey thereof is a State function. This Ministry does not maintain the data of cycle rickshaw pullers in Indian cities. Government of India promotes electric rickshaws through their inclusion for incentives in impactful flagship schemes with a focus to transform manual labour driven to modern electric rickshaws. Under Deendayal Jan Aajeevika Yojana – Shehari (DJAY-S) launched with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> October 2024, six vulnerable occupational groups namely, construction, gig, waste, care, domestic and transportation workers have been focussed. As per operational guidelines, transport workers are provided individual loan upto Rs 4 lakhs for buying or upgrading vehicles such as e-rickshaws, e-autos, and battery-operated vehicles etc. Further, Faster Adoption & Manufacturing of Electric Vehicles II (FAME II) scheme supported 1.65 lakhs electric-3 wheeler which also included e-rickshaws at a total cost of Rs. 1,116 Cr. Under PM E-DRIVE Scheme, there is specific focus on registered e-rickshaws and e-carts. An outlay of Rs. 192 Cr has been kept to support 1.10 lakhs e-rickshaw and e-carts fitted with advanced new generation battery technology.

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