

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
RAJYA SABHA
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TRAFFIC CONGESTION IN MAJOR CITIES

2012. DR. LAXMIKANT BAJPAYEE:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is aware that roads of Delhi and other major cities of the country are continuously grappling with the traffic congestion resulting in huge loss of fuel, high pollution levels and much enhanced time of commutation;
- (b) in what manner Government propose to save choking roads of the cities; and
- (c) whether Government has any plan for permanent solution of this fast growing serious problem, if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

(SHRI NITIN JAIRAM GADKARI)

(a) to (c) The Government approves proposals of ring roads, bypasses & elevated corridors for development in major cities/ urban centers and state capitals in consultation with State governments to decongest traffic and alleviate choke points on National Highways. Decisions are taken based on traffic density, speed drop, number of roads entering/exiting the city, condition of roads, inter-se priority and availability of funds.

Road Transport is an integral part of Urban Development, which is a State Subject. Initiatives for reducing pollution, steps taken for reducing the increasing traffic congestion on the road are taken by the respective cities/States/UTs. Government in Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs has notified various guiding documents to help cities/ Urban Local Bodies/States/UTs in this regard. At present, about 1083 kms of Metro Rail Network (including 55 km of Regional Rapid Transit System (RRTS)) is operational in 25 cities of the country. In Delhi & NCR, approx 395.8 kms of metro rail network is operational. Further, PM-eBus Sewa Scheme was launched on 16th August, 2023 with an aim to augment bus operations in urban

areas with deployment of 10,000 electric buses under the PPP model. So far out of the 10,000 buses, the Government has sanctioned 9,360 buses under the PM-eBus Sewa Scheme. However, as per the extant guidelines of the PM-eBus Sewa Scheme, Delhi is not eligible to participate under the Scheme.

Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi (GNCTD), has adopted a multi pronged approach including :

- i) Public Transport Augmentation : Induction of electric buses, improved bus services and better integration with the Delhi Metro.
- ii) Green Mobility Promotion : Implementation of the Delhi Electric Vehicle (EV) Policy , expansion of EV charging stations and support for non motorised transport.
- iii) Enhanced Last Mile Connectivity : Expansion of feeder buses, E-rickshaws and safe pedestrian facilities.

Further, GNCTD of Delhi has identified long-term strategies including large-scale electrification of the public bus fleet, Transit Oriented Development (TOD) to reduce dependence on personal vehicles and Regional Rapid Transit System (RRTS) corridors to address inter-city traffic.
