

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF COOPERATION

RAJYA SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 107
TO BE ANSWERED ON 29th July, 2026

COUNTRY'S FIRST COOPERATIVE-LED RIDE-HAILING PLATFORM, BHARAT TAXI

*107. SHRI YERRAM VENKATA SUBBA REDDY:

Will the Minister of COOPERATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether country's first cooperative-led ride-hailing platform, Bharat Taxi, has been launched recently;
- (b) how the above platform is different from Uber, Ola, etc.;
- (c) whether services of Bharat Taxi started in Delhi and Gujarat;
- (d) if so, details thereof;
- (e) how drivers get ownership in Bharat Taxi cooperative platform; and
- (f) whether there is any plan to expand this to other cities and towns of the country, particularly in Andhra Pradesh, and, if so, details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF COOPERATION
(SHRI AMIT SHAH)

(a) to (f): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (A) TO (F) IN RESPECT OF
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(a) Yes, country's first cooperative-led ride-hailing platform, Bharat Taxi, has been launched recently. Bharat Taxi is operated by Sahakar Taxi Cooperative Limited (STCL), a multistate cooperative society, registered under the MSCS Act 2002.

(b) Bharat Taxi operates on a cooperative model under the Multi-State Cooperative Societies Act, 2002, wherein drivers are members and stakeholders in the Cooperative Society. Unlike conventional aggregator platforms that function as private companies, the cooperative aggregator structure ensures:

- i. Democratic participation of Driver (Sarathi) members in governance, pricing;
- ii. Transparent and zero commission model;
- iii. Profit sharing or surplus distribution among members;
- iv. Focus on welfare of Sarathi members rather than profit maximization.

(c & d) Yes. Bharat Taxi was officially launched in New Delhi on 5 February, 2026 and in Gujarat on 27 June, 2026. In Delhi-NCR, Bharat Taxi is currently operational in Delhi, Gurugram and Noida. In Gujarat, Bharat Taxi is currently operational in Ahmedabad, Rajkot, Dwarka, Somnath, Surat and Vadodara. As on 19th July, 2026 platform has 2.55 lakh Sarathis (drivers) in Delhi-NCR and 1.01 lakh Sarathis (drivers) in Gujarat.

(e) Sarathis (drivers) become members of the Sahakar Taxi Cooperative Limited (STCL) by enrolling on the Bharat Taxi application and fulfilling the eligibility criteria prescribed under the bye-laws of the cooperative society. Membership is granted upon subscription to the share capital of the cooperative. Upon membership, drivers are allotted shares in the cooperative structure, enabling them to participate in the ownership and benefit-sharing mechanism of the platform.

(f) Sahakar Taxi Cooperative Limited (STCL) is expanding services of Bharat Taxi in a phased manner. The rollout of its services in other cities and States, including Andhra Pradesh, is subject to operational requirements and necessary approvals. Expansion is undertaken based on factors such as operational preparedness, availability of Sarathis, completion of statutory requirements, and coordination with the concerned State Governments, cooperative institutions, and other stakeholders.
