

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS  
**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1837**  
ANSWERED ON 20<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER, 2018

**PUBLIC TRANSPORT SYSTEM**

1837. SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN  
SHRI SISIR KUMAR ADHIKARI

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

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be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to revamp public transport system as there is a shortfall of 27 lakh passenger bus transport services against the demand of 30 lakh buses in the country;
- (b) whether rural transport system has been on the decline since 2014 in the country and that there are only 4 buses per 10,000 passengers;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to encourage rural passenger transportation and plans to support State Governments to meet the demand of road transport therein; and
- (d) if so, the plan details and budget provision thereof and whether Government has given any direction or financial assistance to the States?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE  
MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS  
(SHRI MANSUKH L. MANDAVIYA)

- (a) State Governments provides public road transport services through State Road Transport Undertakings (SRTUs) and other entities in respective State/UT and interstate. Ministry of Road Transport and Highways is also implementing a scheme namely, 'Strengthening of Public Transport System'. The scheme provides for financial assistance to States for introduction of information technology solutions in public transport system.
- (b) No, Madam. As per the data available in centralized Vahan 4 database maintained by National Informatics Centre (NIC) on behalf of Ministry and compiled data from non Vahan states like Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Madhya Pradesh and Kerala, total no of buses in the country is 19.30 lakhs.
- (c) Ministry of Rural Development is implementing Aajeevika Grameen Express Yojna(AGEY), the sub-scheme under Deendayal Antyodaya Yojna- National Rural Livelihood Mission(DAY-NRLM) to facilitate transport facilities in rural areas.
- (d) As per information received from Ministry of Rural Development, there is no separate budgetary allocation under AEGY. The vehicles are funded through the Community Investment Fund (CIF) provide by DAY-NRLM to the Community Based Organization (CBOs) of the Self Help Group (SHG) network. 250 blocks have been identified in pilot phase for implementation with each block being provided a maximum of six vehicles.

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