

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2960
TO BE ANSWERED ON JULY 11, 2019**

TRANSPORTATION PROBLEMS

No. 2960 SHRI NALIN KUMAR KATEEL.

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

- (a) whether the Government has taken note that India's emerging urban moment is facing difficulties due to inadequate system in public transportation and if so, the details thereof;**
- (b) whether the Government has conducted any study to find the ground realities of the transportation problems in the urban areas;**
- (c) if so, the details and the findings thereof; and**
- (d) the measures taken by the Government to address the problems of public transportation system in the country?**

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE
MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS**

(SHRI HARDEEP SINGH PURI)

(a) to (d):Urban Transport, which is an integral part of urban development, is a State subject. As such, the initiatives including planning and execution of urban transport systems are taken up by the State Governments/Union Territories/Urban Local Bodies. The Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, however, has taken several steps to facilitate cities to improve public transportation system. These includes:

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- (i) Financial assistance for metro rail projects is being provided in the form of equity and subordinate debt (for part of taxes), subject to an overall ceiling of 20% of the cost of the projects, excluding private investment, cost of land, rehabilitation and resettlement. So far, 657 Kms of Metro Rail became operational in 14 cities across the country; 791 Kms of Metro Rails are under construction in 18 cities; 82.15 Km of Regional Rapid Rail Transit System (RRTS) is under construction between Delhi and Meerut;**
- (ii) A Metro Rail Policy, 2017 was issued in August 2017, which focuses on systematic planning and implementation of metro rail system in more comprehensive and sustainable manner. The policy is a guide to State Governments desirous of availing Central Financial Assistance for preparing comprehensive proposals for metro rail projects;**
- (iii) Under Bus Funding Scheme, 20,300 Intelligent Transport System (ITS) enabled buses have been procured by 157 Cities and around Rs.2782 cr. was released for this purpose; and**
- (iv) A National Transit Oriented Development (TOD) policy was issued on 01.05.2017. This policy is a guiding document for all States / Union Territories UTs to promote planned and sustainable urban centers with high density, mixed land-use within an influence zone of 500-800 meters of mass transit stations.**
