

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2988**  
ANSWERED ON 11<sup>TH</sup> JULY, 2019

**RELAXATION IN ELIGIBILITY NORMS FOR DRIVING LICENCE**

2988. SHRI KANUMURU RAGHU RAMA KRISHANA RAJU:  
SHRI VISHNU DAYAL RAM:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

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be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to relax the eligibility norms of compulsory literacy/minimum educational qualification for obtaining driving licence;
- (b) if so, the details and the objectives thereof and the time by which these are likely to be relaxed and implemented;
- (c) whether the Government has taken steps to simplify the process of issuing licence by District Transport Officer (DTO) in order to put a check on unskilled vehicle drivers on the roads;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the extent to which the process of issuing online licence is likely to be helpful in this regard?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

(SHRI NITIN JAIRAM GADKARI)

(a) and (b) Yes, sir. The Government has proposed to remove the condition of mandatory educational qualification required for driving transport vehicles under Central Motor Vehicles Rules, 1989 and issued notification GSR 431 (E) dated 18.06.2019 for seeking comments/objection within one month.

(c) to (e) To facilitate the process for issuance of driving license related services at the Licensing Authority, Information Technology based SARATHI application has provided a facility which has automated the process. Through this, application and relevant documents are processed electronically and facility for online payment and appointment for visiting Licensing Authority for appearing in stipulated knowledge/ skill test and verification process is provided. For relevant knowledge test a multi-lingual test facility has been provided through a simple user-friendly automated system. Hassles of citizen in acquiring a new licence has been reduced considerably and there is more transparency in the system.

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