

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

LOK SABHA
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PUBLIC TRANSPORT SERVICE IN DELHI AND NCR

4122. SHRI GAUTAM GAMBHIR:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

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be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of DTC and cluster buses being run by the Government for the commuters in Delhi and NCR;
- (b) whether commuters relying on public transport have to wait for hours due to shortage of buses and if so, the reaction of the Government thereto;
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to increase the number of buses to meet the requirements of huge number of commuters in Delhi and NCR; and
- (d) the other steps taken/being taken by the Government to improve public transport in Delhi and NCR?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
(SHRI NITIN JAIRAM GADKARI)

(a) As per the information received from Govt. of NCT of Delhi: Presently, 3796 DTC buses are being operated on 437 city routes & 8 NCR routes and 1679 Cluster buses are being operated on 149 city routes of Delhi by the Government of NCT of Delhi for the commuters in Delhi and NCR.

(b) No Sir.

(c) The Government of NCT of Delhi plans to induct/procure buses as per the following details:-

(i) Agreements have been signed with the selected bidders of the 4 distinct clusters for engagement of 1000 Standard Floor height Non-AC CNG buses (with lifts for disabled persons) under the Cluster Scheme

(ii) The tenders for engagement of 1000 Low Floor height AC CNG buses, in four clusters have been floated. The bids were opened on 01.02.2019. Letter of awards to the selected bidders are being issued to the 3 Concessionaires.

(iii) Electrical buses being a new technology, a consultant was appointed to suggest the appropriate technology, Government of NCT of Delhi accorded approval for phase-wise induction of engagement of 1000 Low Floor height AC Pure electric buses under the Cluster Scheme.

(d) (i) Apart from the existing network of Delhi Metro of 343 kms., construction of about 6.3 km of metro line is in progress. Proposal of Phase-IV of Delhi MRTS project, comprising 6 corridors with 103.93 kms, has been accorded approval with certain conditions. With implementation of Phase-IV project, total length of Delhi Metro will be 453.93 Km.

(ii) Transport Department has selected the consultant (i.e. M/s Ernst & Young LLP) to provide consultancy services to Transport Department for installation of CCTV Cameras and GPS devices for Automatic Vehicle Tracking of all existing DTC and Cluster buses. The tender inter-alia includes establishment of a State of the Art Control & Command Center for Automatic Vehicle Tracking of all the existing DTC and Cluster buses.

(iii) The common mobility card in all DTC and Cluster buses has been implemented with effect from August 2018. The payment of bus-fare by the passengers can now be made through DMRC smart cards. The use of facility is being promoted by providing 10% discount in fares on usage of DMRC metro card in DTC and Cluster buses.

(iv) The Government of NCT of Delhi has also appointed consultant for carrying out a comprehensive Route Rationalization Study of all existing city bus routes and last mile connectivity requirements after determining the present travel demand in the city in a scientific manner with the objective to maximize service quality and public transport access. The draft final report titled "Route Rationalization and Last Mile Connectivity Update Study" has been received from the consultant by Transport Department and is being finalized incorporating comments from all the stake holders. Part of the study relating to the Najafgarh area is already implemented as a pilot project.
