

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5019
TO BE ANSWERED ON 31.03.2023

FREE BUS TRAVEL FOR WOMEN

5019. DR. K. JAYAKUMAR:

Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether some of the State Governments are providing free Bus travel for women in their State Transport Buses;
- (b) if so, whether there is any proposal with Union Government to advise the other State Governments to implement such free travel for Women Welfare Programme and if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether the Union Government will come forward to subsidise such free bus travel programmes by providing funds and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT
(SHRIMATI SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI)

(a) to (c): Yes Sir. Some of the State Governments/ UTs are providing free bus travel facility to women within their respective jurisdictions. However, as per Seventh Schedule of the Constitution of India, 'Public Transport' or the means of communications, that is to say, roads, bridges, ferries, and other means of communication not specified in List I & III of Seventh Schedule; municipal tramways; ropeways; inland waterways and traffic thereon is a State Subject and the State Governments are empowered to formulate and implement such policy/ programme.
