

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1991
ANSWERED ON 22ND SEPTEMBER, 2020**

SANITISATION OF PUBLIC TRANSPORT VEHICLES

1991. SHRI FEROZE VARUN GANDHI:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

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be pleased to state:

- (a) the steps taken by the Government to ensure sanitisation of public transport vehicles to prevent the spread of Covid-19 along with the total expenditure incurred thereon;**
- (b) whether the Government has issued guidelines regarding the use of chemicals for the purpose and if so, the details thereof; and**
- (c) whether State Governments have been given assistance/financial aid/incentives for the purpose and if so, the details thereof?**

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT
AND HIGHWAYS**

[GEN. (DR.) V.K. SINGH (RETD.)]

(a) and (c) Ministry issued advisories to all States/UTs from time to time to undertake all necessary steps to ensure sanitization of seats, handles & bars in the Public Transport Vehicles and hygiene and sanitization at Bus terminals/Bus stops. States were also advised to

display of public health messages on public transport vehicles, bus terminals and the bus stops. Advisory was also issued on the importance of Social Distancing and minimising the travel numbers. State Governments have been provided financial assistance of Rs. 56.32 Crs. for undertaking activities for hygiene and sanitisation in public transport vehicles & bus terminals/stops and awareness/prevention campaign for COVID-19 and Road safety.

(b) Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has issued guidelines on disinfection of common public places including offices, which recommends use of 1% sodium hypochlorite. 70 % alcohol can be used to wipe down surfaces where the use of bleach is not suitable e.g. metal. The guidelines also recommends cleaning with soap and water prior to disinfection, if contact surface is visibly dirty.
