

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1684
ANSWERED ON 5TH DECEMBER, 2024**

REDUCTION IN VEHICULAR CONGESTION

1684. SHRI TANUJ PUNIA:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

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be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has any proposal for promoting alternative efficient mobility options such as carpooling and shared two wheelers across the country, and if so, the details thereof;**
- (b) whether any State is actively working towards promoting carpooling as an efficient mobility option for transportation and if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) whether the Government has any plan to regulate carpooling activities by having separate guidelines for the same and if so, the details thereof; and**
- (d) the steps being taken by the Government to reduce/check the increasing traffic congestion on the roads?**

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

(SHRI NITIN JAIRAM GADKARI)

(a) to (c) (i) Government has issued the Motor Vehicle Aggregators Guidelines, 2020 in accordance with section 93 of Motor Vehicles Act, 1988, on 27th November, 2020. These guidelines provide a guiding framework to the State/UT Governments to consider for issuance of license as well as regulation of the business being conducted by such Aggregators.

(ii) With an objective to reduce traffic congestion and pollution, clause 15 of aforesaid guidelines provides for non-transport vehicle pooling by aggregators unless prohibited by the State Government.

(d) (i) Planning of Urban Transport is inter-twined with Urban Planning which is a State subject. The initiatives for planning of sustainable urban transport system and other steps taken for reducing the increasing traffic congestion on the road are taken by the respective cities/States/UTs. Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs has notified policy (National Urban Transport Policy 2006) and other various guiding frameworks to help cities/ULBs/States/UTs to identify principles and strategies for better planning and implementation of the concepts in the area of urban transport.

(ii) Central Government also provides Central Finance Assistance for preparation of Comprehensive Mobility Plan, Feasibility and Detailed Project Report etc. for systematic Urban Transport Planning. Further, Central Government also provides Central Finance Assistance for implementation of Metro Rail Project, City Buses through Central Schemes such as PM e-Bus Sewa which reduces urban road congestion.
