# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1883 TO BE ANSWERED ON JULY 31, 2025

### **ACCESSIBILITY OF PUBLIC BUSES FOR PWDS**

### NO. 1883. SHRI LAVU SRI KRISHNA DEVARAYALU:

Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- a) whether the Government has taken special measures for improving accessibility to public buses for Persons with Disabilities (PwDs) and if so, the details thereof including low-floor design, ramp access, priority seating and announcement systems;
- (b) the number and percentage of accessible buses currently operational in the country, State/UT-wise, especially in Andhra Pradesh;
- (c) whether public transport staff including drivers and conductors are provided training to assist PwD commuters and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) whether any audits or inspections have been conducted to assess compliance with accessibility norms in urban bus fleets and if so, the details thereof?

### **ANSWER**

# THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS (SHRI TOKHAN SAHU)

(a) & (b) As per the information received from Ministry of Road, Transport and Highways (MoRTH), to ensure accessibility in buses, MoRTH Vide GSR 959(E), GSR 367(E) {AIS:153}, GSR 287(E) {AIS:052}, have taken various regulatory steps that *inter-alia* ensures for providing various accessibility features such as Priority Seat, Signs, securing of crutches/canes/walkers, Hand rail/stanchions, control at priority seats, wheel chair entry/housing/locking arrangement for wheel chair in buses, provision for kneeling system, lift or ramp as well as mandating the renewal of fitness certificate with accessibility features.

As per the information received from MoRTH and Association of Road Transport Undertakings, a total no. of 1,45,527 buses are operational out of which 51,604 buses including 56 buses of Andhra Pradesh State Road Transport Corporation (APSRTC) are accessible i.e. 35.46% buses are accessible. The State wise (STUs) details are provided in Annexure.

Also, under the PM-eBus Sewa Scheme of this Ministry, to address the issue of accessibility, PM-eBus Sewa Tender specifies accessibility features and equipment as per AIS 052 & AIS 153 so as to deploy 100% 12 m & 9 m buses with accessibility features including wheelchair accessibility.

(c) & (d) 'Urban planning' is a State subject. Therefore, the respective State Governments are responsible for planning, operations, safety management, developing and implementing urban transport infrastructure including improving accessibility of public buses for Persons with Disabilities (PwDs), providing training of Staff, conducting audit and inspection.

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# **ANNEXURE**

Stat	us of buses h	eld by SR	TUs for Ac	ccessible	India Cam	paign for	<i>June, 202</i>	25			
SL.	NAME OF	FLEET	Intercity	_			Urban				
	THE STU	HELD (Vehicl es in Operati on)	Inter city operatio nal fleet		Accessi ble	Not Accessi ble	Urban Operati onal Fleet	Fully Accessi ble with wheel chair	Accessi ble	Not Accessi ble	
1	Agra- Mathura Tpt. Services Ltd.	230	0	0	0	0	230	230	0	0	
2	Ahmedaba d Municipal Transport Service	804	0	0	0	0	804	277	0	527	
3	Allahabad City Tpt. Services Ltd.	127	0	0	0	0	127	127	0	0	

4	Andaman & Nicobar Administr ation	282	202	0	202	0	80	0	80	0
5	APSRTC	10796	9777	0	0	9777	1019	0	56	963
6	Arunachal Pradesh State Transport Deptt.	255	255	0	0	255	0	0	0	0
7	Assam STC	505	347	20	3	324	158	0	4	154
8	BEST Undertaki ng	3672	0	0	0	0	3672	365	0	3307
9	Bhubnesh war-Puri Tpt. Services Ltd. (CURT)	200	0	0	0	0	200	0	100	100
10	Bihar State Road Transport	414	414	0	105	309	0	0	0	0

	Corporatio n									
11	вмтс	6664	0	0	0	0	6664	1126	5538	0
12	Chandigar h Transport Undertaki ng	587	229	0	0	229	358	298	0	60
13	DIMTS- Cluster Bus Operation in Delhi	3021	0	0	0	0	3021	2488	0	533
14	DIMTS- Gurugram Metropolit an City Bus Limited (GMCBL)	200	0	0	0	0	200	200	0	0
15	DIMTS- Haryana City Bus Services Ltd.(HCBS L)	20	0	0	0	0	20	20	0	0

16	DTC	4409	0	0	0	0	4409	4409	0	0
17	GSRTC	8006	5412	0	95	5317	2594	0	1905	689
18	Himachal Road Transport Corporatio n	3000	3000	0	85	2915	0	0	0	0
19	J & K State Road Transport Corporatio n	570	512	0	0	512	58	0	0	58
20	Jaipur City TSL	200	77	46	31	0	123	54	69	0
21	Kadamba TCL	475	475	1	81	393	0	0	0	0
22	Kalyan Dombivli Municipal Tpt. Undertaki ng	90	8	0	4	4	82	0	66	16
23	Kanpur City Tpt.	270	0	0	0	0	270	270	0	0

	Sevices Ltd.									
24	KAR SRTC	8052	6266	0	0	6266	1786	0	101	1685
25	Kerala State Road Transport Corporatio n	5625	2122	173	0	1949	3503	0	289	3214
26	Kerala Urban Road Tpt. Corpn. [A subsidiary of Kerala SRTC]	719	399	110	289	0	320	80	240	0
27	Kohlapur Munipal Transport	135	0	0	0	0	135	0	75	60
28	Lucknow City Services Ltd.	260	0	0	0	0	260	260	0	0
29	Meerut City Tpt.	120	0	0	0	0	120	120	0	0

	Services									
	Ltd.									
30	Meghalay a transport Corporatio n	62	62	0	0	62	0	0	0	0
31	Mizoram State Transport	40	40	0	0	40	0	0	0	0
<b>32</b>	MSRTC	17900	17564	0	8000	9564	336	0	336	0
33	MTC-Ch	3233	0	0	0	0	3233	0	2500	733
34	Nagaland State Transport	150	0	0	0	0	150	0	19	131
35	NB STC	965	937	0	0	937	28	0	28	0
36	NEKRTC	4714	4195	0	0	4195	519	265	0	254
37	NMMT	531	0	0	0	0	531	246	0	285
38	NWKRTC	5096	4551	0	1011	3540	545	100	160	285
39	OSRTC	436	436	0	0	436	0	0	0	0
40	Pepsu Road Transport Corporatio	1045	1045	0	20	1025	0	0	0	0

41	Puducherr y Road Transport Corporatio n	110	0	0	0	0	110	10	0	100
42	Pune Mahanaga r Parivahan Mahaman dal Ltd.	1894	0	0	0	0	1894	0	1481	413
43	Punjab State Bus Stand Managem ent Co.	1116	1116	0	0	1116	0	0	0	0
44	RSRTC	4878	4878	0	0	4878	0	0	0	0
45	SETC	1064	1064	0	815	249	0	0	0	0
46	Sholapur MTU	44	0	0	0	0	44	0	35	9
47	Sikkim Nationaliz ed Transport	85	85	6	0	79	0	0	0	0

48	South Bengal State Transport Corporatio n	661	661	0	0	661	0	0	0	0
49	ST HARYANA	3630	3630	0	0	3630	0	0	0	0
50	State Transport Punjab	646	646	0	0	646	0	0	0	0
51	Telangana State Road Tpt. Corpn	9691	6790	0	0	6790	2901	0	122	2779
52	Thane MTU	448	0	0	0	0	448	0	140	308
53	TN-CBE	2559	1171	0	0	1171	1388	0	0	1388
54	TN-KUMB	3471	2186	0	2186	0	1285	0	1285	0
55	TN-MDU	2369	1099	0	0	1099	1270	0	0	1270
56	TN-SALEM	2131	1294	0	860	434	837	0	0	837

57	TN-TNV	1762	1064	0	354	710	698	0	52	646
58	TN-VPM	3373	2289	0	1140	1149	1084	0	0	1084
59	Tripura Road Transport Corporatio n	63	63	0	0	63	0	0	0	0
60	U.P. State Road Transport Corporatio n	9487	9487	0	9487	0	0	0	0	0
61	Uttarakha nd Transport Corporatio n	1225	1225	0	0	1225	0	0	0	0
62	Varanasi City Tpt. Sevices Ltd.	130	0	0	0	0	130	130	0	0
63	West Bengal TCL	810	92	0	92	0	718	0	632	86
Tota	<u> </u>	145527	97165	356	24860	71949	48362	11075	15313	21974

# **SUMMARY**

SI.No.	Nos. of Buses held by STUS	Total Nos of buses	Nos. of accessible/Fully accessible buses	Total	%age of access-ibility
1	Intercity Operations	97165	24860*+356**	25216	26%
2	Urban Operations	48362	15313*+11075**	26388	55%
3	Total	145527	40173*+11431**	51604	35.46%

Note: \*Accessible without wheelchair accessibility, \*\*Fully accessible having wheel chair accessibility