

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF COOPERATION**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1494
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Bharat Taxi

1494: Shri Gurmeet Singh Meet Hayer:

Will the Minister of Cooperation (सहकारिता मंत्री) be pleased to state:

- (a) the status of the current operational expansion status and driver (Sarathi) enrollment numbers of the Bharat Taxi Cooperative Mobility Platform since its launch;
- (b) the details of the structural and fair-pricing guardrails integrated into the platform's architecture to permanently eliminate predatory surge pricing and protect urban commuters from monopolistic exploitation by private aggregators; and
- (c) the details of the financial outlays, equity grants, or technological subsidies provided through the National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC) to support the infrastructure scalability and long-term competitiveness of the Sahkar Taxi Cooperative Limited?

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF COOPERATION
(सहकारिता मंत्री) (SHRI AMIT SHAH)**

- (a) Bharat Taxi is a cooperative-led digital App mobility platform operated by Sahakar Taxi Cooperative Limited (STCL), a multistate cooperative society, registered under the MSCS Act 2002. Bharat Taxi is providing its services in the cities of Delhi-NCR, Gujarat and Maharashtra. As on 19 July 2026, a total of 7.97 lakh Sarathis (driver-partners) have been onboarded under the cooperative-based Bharat Taxi initiative, all of whom have completed the document verification process.
- (b) Bharat Taxi's fares are set on objective, pre-defined parameters, finalised in consultation with State Transport Authorities, Sarathi representatives and other stakeholders with no arbitrary

or excessive surge pricing. However, periodic congestions fare is applied due to excessive traffic, in line with the fair pricing acceptable to drivers and customers.

(c) Sahakar Taxi Cooperative Limited (STCL) has been promoted by eight institutions, including the National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC). Each promoter has committed ₹10 crore towards the primary share capital of the Sahakar Taxi Cooperative Limited. In addition to their capital contribution, all the promoter institutions, including NCDC, are providing infrastructural, institutional, and manpower support to facilitate the establishment and operational strengthening of STCL.
