

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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PURCHASE OF BUSES BY CHANDIGARH ADMINISTRATION
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether defects have been noticed in the buses purchased recently by the Chandigarh UT Administration;
- (b) the number of buses purchased and the total price thereof;
- (c) the average maintenance cost of each bus;
- (d) whether the Administration propose to purchase the same type of buses with engines despite the defects having been pointed out; and
- (e) the steps taken to improve the local transport system in Chandigarh?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY)

- (a): Yes, Sir. But most of the defects were repaired/replacement done free of cost by the manufacturer.
- (b): Fourteen semi-low floor buses have been purchased at a total cost of Rs. 1,86,59,844/-
- (c): The average maintenance cost of each bus is Rs. 0.22 paise per kilometer.
- (d): The administration proposes to purchase 102 more semi-low floor buses with modified specifications.
- (e): A new GRID Transport System is proposed to be started after induction of 102 semi-low floor buses in the fleet of Chandigarh Transport Undertaking.