

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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FUNDS FOR SMART CARD PROJECT IN KARNATAKA

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Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government of Karnataka has requested the Union Government for financial assistance of Rs. 690 lakhs to implement a project called smart card based student pass and monthly commuter passes;
- (b) if so, the details and the reaction of the Government thereto; and
- (c) the time by which the proposal is likely to be approved and funds released for the purpose?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI MAHADEO SINGH KHANDELA)

(a)to(c) Government of Karnataka had submitted a proposal in March, 2009 seeking financial assistance for implementation of smart card based student passes and monthly commuter passes to be implemented by North Eastern Karnataka Road Transport Corporation. The total project cost was Rs. 582 lakhs. The scheme of the Ministry for providing central assistance to the States/State Road Transport Corporations for strengthening public transport system was made effective from 15.3.2010. Since the proposal of Karnataka was received prior to operationalisation of the scheme, they have been requested to submit fresh proposals strictly in accordance with the scheme in the prescribed proforma.