

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

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PUBLIC TRANSPORT IN RURAL AREAS

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

- (a) whether the Government has any proposal to augment Public Transport System in rural areas;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government is considering to provide low floor buses in the rural areas;
- (d) if so, the steps taken by the Government in this regard; and
- (e) the time by which services of such buses would commence?

Answer

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

(a) to (e) Keeping in view the state of affairs of public transport system especially in rural areas and also the financial position of the State owned Road Transport Undertakings this Ministry has prepared a draft scheme to provide financial assistance to the States/UTs for procurement of buses for operation in rural/moffusil areas. The proposed scheme envisages procurement of buses conforming to bus body code notified by this Ministry. Since the proposal is at an initial stage, no definite time frame for procurement of buses under the scheme could be envisaged at this stage.