

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

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ASSISTANCE TO STATE TRANSPORT CORPORATIONS
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Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether some of the State Governments have approached the Union Government for financial assistance to offset the losses incurred by their State Transport Corporations and to save them from closure; and

(b) if so, the details alongwith the action taken by the Union Government thereon?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): With a view to strengthening public transport system in the country, the Central Government has introduced a scheme w.e.f. 15-03-2010 to provide financial assistance to the States/UTs/State Road Transport Undertakings for implementation of information technology such as Global Positioning System(GPS)/Global System for Mobile Communications(GSM) based vehicle tracking system, Automatic Ticket Vending Machines etc and for working out mobility plan. Proposals from some of the States have been received in accordance with the scheme and the same have been processed for consideration of grant of financial assistance. In addition, some of the States have also submitted their proposal seeking financial assistance for procurement of buses by the concerned State Road Transport Undertakings to strengthen public transport system. Since the scheme does not provide for central assistance for procurement of buses, the States have been informed accordingly.