

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3208
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SMART CARD FOR STUDENTS IN KARNATAKA
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Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has received any proposal from the Government of Karnataka requesting funds for implementing a scheme for smart cards for students and monthly passes;and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the time by which the proposal is likely to be cleared?

Answer

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

(a)&(b) Two proposals have been received from Government of Karnataka in March 2009 seeking financial assistance for introduction of smart card based student passes and monthly commuter passes to be implemented by North Eastern Karnataka Road Transport Corporation (NEKRTC) and Bangalore Metropolitan Transport Corporation (BMTC). A draft scheme prepared by the Ministry for providing central assistance to the States for strengthening public transport system has been approved by Planning Commission in principle. Since finalization of the scheme involves decision/observation of appropriate authorities such as Expenditure Finance Committee (EFC), no definite time frame for consideration of the above proposals can be envisaged at this stage.