

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:629
ANSWERED ON:21.05.2012
PUBLIC TRANSPORT IN RURAL AREAS
Owaisi Shri Asaduddin

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

- (a) whether a meeting of the State Road Secretaries was recently held to discuss the transport facilities in rural areas during the Twelfth Five Year Plan;
- (b) if so, whether any detailed programme has been chalked out by the Government in consultation with the State Governments in this regard;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Association of State Road Transport Undertakings proposes to purchase 50,854 new buses in a bid to improve public transport in the country especially in the rural areas;
- (e) if so, the total funds earmarked by the Government for this purpose; and
- (f) the steps taken or being taken by the Government to give better transport facilities in tier II and tier III cities during the said period?

Answer

THE MINISTER FOR ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (DR. C.P. JOSHI)

(a) to (f) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (f) OF THE STARRED QUESTION NO. 629. ASKED BY SHRI ASADUDDIN OWAISI REGARDING 'PUBLIC TRANSPORT IN RURAL AREAS' TO BE ANSWERED ON 21st MAY, 2012

(a) and (b) No, Madam.

(c) Does not arise in view of reply to (a) and (b) above.

(d) No, Madam. However, the Sub-Group constituted by the Government on "State Road Transport Undertakings (SRTUs)" for formulation of report of the working group on road transport sector for Twelfth Five Year Plan has proposed for purchase of 50,854 new buses to improve the rural public transport in the country.

(e) to (f) At present there are no plans to purchase buses for operating in rural areas or for tier II and tier III cities.