

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
URBAN DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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SECURITY APPARATUS IN PUBLIC TRANSPORT

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Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has issued fresh guidelines to all the States to install preventive security apparatus in all modes of public transport in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the time frame for implementation of such guidelines;
- (c) whether the said devices have been installed in all buses under the Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission(JNNURM);
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor along with other corrective steps taken/being taken by the Government to ensure safe travel of women and children in buses, taxis and auto-rickshaws?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SMT. DEEPA DASMUNSHI)

(a), (b) & (e): No Madam. No fresh guidelines have been issued. Ministry of Urban Development, Government of India has only issued an "Advisory" on 14th January, 2013 to all the States to implement the Intelligent Transport System (ITS) specifications as per the "Urban Bus Specifications" in all the city buses, JnNURM as well as non JnNURM. They have also been advised to initiate action for scientific management of auto-rickshaws and taxis by having GPS / GPRS and management through common Control Centre so as to make this mode also safe and more passenger friendly. Since this is only an advisory, it is upto the State Governments to accept and implement these suggestions.

Ministry of Urban Development has also advised vide letter dated 7th February, 2013 States to examine provision of separate city buses for women in all million plus cities.

(c) & (d): The buses sanctioned to cities under JnNURM are required to be procured as per the "urban bus specifications (UBSs)". Release of Government of India share i.e. Additional Central Assistance (ACA) is linked to the procurement of these systems and submission of purchase order to the Ministry. Implementation / procurement of these systems under JnNURM has been extended upto 31.3.2014.