

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:465  
ANSWERED ON:29.04.2013  
FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO STATE ROAD TRANSPORT UNDERTAKINGS  
Sukur Shri Jadhav Baliram

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

- (a) the extent of financial assistance granted by the Union Government to the State Road Transport Undertakings (SRTUs);
- (b) whether the Government proposes to provide financial assistance to various SRTUs of the States for procurement of low-floor buses with a view to strengthening their public transport system;
- (c) if so, the details thereof along with the financial assistance provided to SRTUs so far under the scheme during the last three years and the current year;
- (d) whether the Government has any proposal to reward the best performing State in the transport sector; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

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

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 465 ASKED BY SHRI BALIRAM JADHAV REGARDING 'FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO STATE ROAD TRANSPORT UNDERTAKINGS' TO BE ANSWERED ON 29TH APRIL, 2013

(a) The Ministry of Road Transport & Highways is implementing a scheme with effect from 15.03.2010 for providing one time central assistance to the extent of 50% of the project cost for implementation of information technology projects to States / State Road Transport Undertakings (SRTUs) in their public transport systems. Under the scheme, 19 proposals of SRTUs of 16 States have been sanctioned and an amount of Rs. 77.175 crore as Central assistance approved. Out of this amount, Rs. 45.2795 crore has been released to the States / SRTUs during the last three years (2010-11 to 2012-13). The details of financial assistance provided to SRTUs is given at Annexure. No Central assistance has been approved under this scheme during the current financial year.

(b) No, madam.

(c) Question does not arise in view of reply to (b) above.

(d) to (e) The Ministry of Road Transport & Highways has instituted a Transport Minister's Trophy and cash awards for SRTUs with lowest accident records. The Awards are given annually to three categories of SRTUs, namely mofussil, hill and urban, based on their fleet size and presented during the Road Safety Week organized in the month of January each year.

For mofussil areas, there are four awards, one each of Rs. 2.50 lakh (for fleet size above 10000 buses), 2.0 lakh (for 4001 to 10000), Rs. 1.50 lakh (for 1001 to 4000 buses) and Rs. 1.0 lakh (for fleet upto 1000 buses). For hill and urban categories, one award each of Rs. 1.5 lakh.