

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
URBAN DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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PUBLIC TRANSPORT UNDER JNNURM
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Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of cities/towns in various States in the country which do not have effective public transport system, State-wise;
- (b) the States which have received funding for buses under the Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM) for providing better public transport;
- (c) whether a large number of buses procured under JNNURM are lying idle due to lack of technical knowhow of their operation;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) whether the Government proposes to impart training to urban transport professionals at the national, State and local levels in the country and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

- (a): Ministry of Urban Development does not maintain data regarding number of cities/ towns in various States in the country which do not have effective public transport system;
- (b): All States/UTs are eligible for financial assistance for procurement of buses for improvement of urban transport system. 28 States and 3 Union Territories were provided Additional Central Assistance (ACA) for procurement of buses for improvement of Urban Transport under the bus funding project under Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission during 2009-10. Under this project total 15441 buses were sanctioned to 61 mission cities with the estimated Govt. of India assistance of Rs. 2089 Cr (Approx.).

Further, in compliance of the Budget Speech for 2013-14 by the Union Finance Minister for sanctioning of Additional Central Assistance (ACA) for procurement of upto 10,000 buses with special focus on hill States, Ministry of Urban Development has so far sanctioned 6719 buses to 70 cities/ cluster of cities in 10 States with the estimated project cost of Rs. 2917 crore (approx.)
- (c) No madam,
- (d) Does not arise,
- (e) Ministry of Urban Development is conducting capacity building training programmes in Urban Transport under the World Bank-GEF-UNDP assisted Sustainable Urban Transport Project. The present SUTP project envisages training of 1000 officials at the National, State and Local Government levels over the next 2 year by organizing 40 training workshop in selected cities. So far six training programmes have been conducted in six States namely Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, Tamilnadu, Odisha, Maharashtra and Himachal Pradesh.