

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
URBAN DEVELOPMENT  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3437  
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EXTENSION OF BUS ROUTES  
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**Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has received any request from the State of Kerala for extending the services of the buses provided under Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM) scheme beyond the city limits; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof ; and
- (c) the action taken by the Government thereon?

**Answer**

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

(a): Yes, Madam.

(b): Ministry of Urban Development had received a request from State of Kerala to accord sanction for plying the JnNURM buses outside the district limits of Thiruvananthapuram and Ernakulam, with the condition that the journeys will start or end in these cities.

(c): Ministry of Urban Development informed the State Govt. that as per JnNURM guideline, the financing for buses under JnNURM is exclusively for urban transport i.e. city bus services and/or BRTS for the city/urban area for which buses are procured.

Govt. of Kerala, therefore, was suggested to notify the relevant area as Metropolitan Area of Thiruvananthapuram and Ernakulam, under the relevant state laws, under intimation to this Ministry for further action. However, no reply has so far been received from the State Government of Kerala.