

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

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TRAFFIC JAM

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

- (a) whether the Government has taken note of traffic jams in various parts of the country on the National Highways (NHs) due to the construction activities, absence of by-passes, bridges etc;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the action taken thereon;
- (c) whether Government has any provision to check over the alarming increase in the numbers of private vehicles as in the foreign countries to with even and odd registration number run on alternative days to ease congestion; and
- (d) the steps being taken for the popularisation of the public transport to minimize the dependency of the commuters on private vehicles?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI PON. RADHAKRISHNAN)

(a) Yes, Madam.

(b) to (d) Measures such as segregating local and through traffic, providing additional lanes and deployment of traffic marshals at toll plazas, providing diversion roads and signages near construction location, widening and bypass projects are taken up to ease the traffic jams. Besides, government is supporting Metro Rail, Bus Rapid Transport System and modern city bus service to encourage public transport. Ministry of Road Transport & Highways is also implementing a scheme for providing one time central assistant to the extent of 50% of the project cost for Information Technology related projects to States/ State Road Transport Undertakings (SRTUs) for strengthening their public transport system.