

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
URBAN DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2484

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CONGESTION CHARGES .

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Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has advised States to impose congestion charges in central business areas/ congested areas in cities;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor along with the response thereto, State-wise;
- (c) whether any study has been undertaken to evaluate the viability of this charge and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) the details of prescribed mode of imposing congestion charge; and
- (e) The remedial measures taken/being taken by the Government to address the problem of traffic congestion and deteriorating transport condition in cities?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI BABUL SUPRIYO)

(a) : Yes, Madam.

(b) :An advisory has been issued on 15-1-2013 to all States and Union Territories for taking up studies/ surveys on various aspects of Congestion Charges as per city requirements and consider adopting "congestion charging system" as a measure to decongest a particular area of the city. This advisory is uploaded on the website of the Ministry of Urban Development: <https://www.moud.gov.in/urbantransport>. No response/reports were expected from the States/Union Territories on the advisory.

(c) : No such studies have been undertaken by the Ministry of Urban Development to evaluate the viability of Congestion Charges.

(d) : No specific mode for imposition of Congestion Charges has been prescribed.

(e) :Urban Transport is intertwined with Urban Development which is a State subject. As such remedial measures to address the problem of traffic congestion and transport conditions have to be taken/initiated by the States/Union Territories (UTs). Government of India provides financial assistance to States/UTs for Urban Transport projects/studies in line with National Urban Transport Policy, 2006 and Urban Transport Planning Scheme.