

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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AUTORICKSHAWS IN DELHI
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Delhi has the lowest population- to autorickshaw ratio in the country;
- (b) if so, the steps taken by the Government to overcome the shortage of autorickshaws in Delhi;
- (c) the number of autorickshaws plying in metropolitan cities including Delhi;
- (d) whether the Government is considering to convert autorickshaws in all major urban centres to CNG vehicles to prevent pollution; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI HARIBHAI PARATHIBHAI CHAUDHARY)

- (a): No such information is available with the Transport Department of the Government of NCT of Delhi.
- (b): There is a cap of one lakh autorickshaws in Delhi imposed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in the matter titled M.C. Mehta v/s. Union of India & others. Although application has been move to increase the number of autorickshaws, the same has not been listed for hearing till date.
- (c): The total number of Light Motor Vehicles (Passengers) three seater registered as on 31.03.2012 in 44 number of million-plus cities in India (including Delhi) are 7,17,244. However, as on 15.04.2015, autorickshaws plying in Delhi are 81,257.
- (d) & (e): The autorickshaws plying in Delhi are running on CNG since 1998. However, there is no proposal under consideration with the Ministry of Road Transport & Highways to convert autorickshaws in all major urban centres to CNG vehicles.