

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
URBAN DEVELOPMENT
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Decongestion of Urban Areas

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Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

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- (a) whether the Union Government has issued directions to all the States and Union Territories to identify congested places in their cities;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the action taken by the States and Union Territories thereon;
- (c) whether the Government has asked those States to impose congestion tax on the same;
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with action taken by the States thereon?
- (e) whether the Government proposes to upgrade double-quick public transport and road infrastructure before levying congestion clearing charges and if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) the other steps taken/being taken by the Government to decongest and ensure jam free various urban areas including National Capital Region (NCR)?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT
(RAO INDERJIT SINGH)

(a) to (e): Urban Development including Urban Transport is a state subject. Government of India supports the efforts of State Governments by providing technical and financial assistance to States under various schemes & programmes. Ministry of Urban Development has issued advisories dated 15th January, 2013 and 11th January, 2013 to all State/UT Governments to identify the most congested areas in their Cities, getting a proper study done on various aspects of congestion charges as per city requirement and consider adopting "congestion charging system" as a measure to decongest a particular area. It was also conveyed that Ministry of Urban Development will pay up to 80% of the cost of any such study for cities within their State/UT subject to the guidelines under "Scheme for Urban Transport Planning" being followed.

(f): Ministry of Urban Development constituted a High Powered Inter-Ministerial Committee on "Decongesting Traffic in Delhi" which has suggested four-pronged strategic approach to improve the traffic condition in Delhi. These are: (i) improving Public Transport and disincentivizing use of private vehicles; (ii) Road safety and Traffic management; (iii) Enhancing institutional capacity and (iv) Transit Oriented Development.
