

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

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FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO SRTUS
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Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of financial assistance granted by Government to the State Road Transport Undertakings (SRTUs) during the last three years;
- (b) whether Government proposes to provide financial assistance to various SRTUs of the States for procurement of low-floor buses with a view to strengthening their public transport system, if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government has any proposal to reward the best performing States in the transport sector, if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the time by which it is likely to be introduced so that performing States get motivated?

Answer

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

- (a) The Ministry of Road Transport and Highways is implementing a Scheme w.e.f. 15.03.2010 for providing Central assistance to the extent of 50% of the project cost for implementation of information technology projects to States / State Road Transport Undertakings (SRTUs) in their public transport system. Under the scheme, 21 proposals of SRTUs of 18 States have been sanctioned till date and an amount of Rs.90.19 crore as Central assistance approved to the States / SRTUs during the years 2010-11, 2011-12, 2012-13, and 2013-14.
- (b) No, Madam.
- (c) & (d) Ministry of Road Transport and Highways has instituted a Transport Ministers Trophy and cash awards for SRTUs with lowest accident records. The Awards are given annually to three categories of SRTUs, namely, mofussil, hill and urban, based on their fleet size. For mofussil areas, there are four awards, one each of Rs.2.50 lakh (for fleet size above 10000 buses), Rs.2.00 lakh (for 4001 to 10000), Rs.1.50 lakh (for 1001 to 4000 buses) and Rs.1.00 lakh (for fleet upto 1000 buses). For hill and urban categories, one award each of Rs.1.50 lakh.