

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

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SAFETY MEASURES IN BUSES
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Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the steps taken by the Government for safety of public transport buses in case of fire;
- (b) whether fire detection and Suppression System has been installed in the public transport running on the National Highways; and
- (c) if not, whether the Government proposes to install fire detection and Suppression system in the buses plying on national highways and also in new buses?

Answer

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

(a) Ministry of Road Transport and Highways has notified the standard AIS:052 Code of Practice for Bus Body Design and Approval vide GSR 692(E) dated 17th October, 2013 under Central Motor Vehicles rules, 1989 and would become effective from 1st April, 2015. This code details various safety features and addresses uniformity in construction from all safety perspectives. This code is applicable to all bus manufacturers and all bus body builders in the country. A system of Accreditation of Bus Body Builders facility has already been put in place by the Ministry.

(b) & (c) Fire Detection and Suppression Systems are currently not installed in the public transport. The subject of fitment of fire detection and/or suppression system in buses would be part of AIS:052 standard.