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Title: Need to look into the problems being faced by small scale Bus & Truck Body Building Units in the country.

SHRI RAVNEET SINGH (ANANDPUR SAHIB): Sir, may I have the privilege to submit in this House, the concerns of small scale bus and truck body building units of the country?

There are close to 400 small scale bus and truck body building units operating in Punjab and across the country, providing directly and indirectly, livelihood close to five lakh people. Though they operate with limited capital, yet they have come of age, by technologically upgrading themselves and today, they are building the latest technology, full steel or tubular bus bodies from all wooden bus bodies, used to be built earlier.

This, in turn, speaks volumes of their commitment to produce safer public transport. They have achieved all this, on their own. Today, there is a sense of concern among them about the future of their units. They fear that they will have to ultimately close down their units in case the Bus and Truck Body Building Code AIS:052, AIS:093, which is proposed to be implemented from 01.04.2011, comes into force.

Through you, Sir, I would like to request the Government to take into account their concerns and allay their fears, before implementing the Bus and Truck Body Building Code AIS:052, AIS:093 so as to protect these small scale bus and truck body building units and livelihood of lakhs of people.

For ensuring broad based inclusive growth in the country, the UPA Government is doing a lot, not only to protect and strengthen the existing small scale units, but also to promote setting up of more such units. It is time that we help these existing units by providing them with world class research and development facilities and funds, so as to enable them to modernize themselves and compete globally.