

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 575
TO BE ANSWERED ON 23RD JULY, 2018

MoU FOR IMPROVING PUBLIC TRANSPORT SYSTEM WITH UK

575. SMT. AMBIKA SONI:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with United Kingdom for seeking help in improving overall public transport system in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the MoU includes policy for improving passenger services and use of high capacity buses in India, if so, the details thereof;
- (d) to what extent, it would help in having PPP models for operations, infrastructure and maintenance strategies ; and
- (e) the timeline by which the policy would be finalised in phases?

A N S W E R

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

(SHRI MANSUKH L. MANDAVIYA)

(a) to (c) Yes Sir. An MoU has been signed between Ministry of Road Transport & Highways and Transport for London (TfL), a statutory body established under the Greater London Authority Act, 1999 (UK) to improve Public Transport in India. MoU would help mainly in sharing of information and areas of cooperation like Improving the Public Transport System with a augmentation of passenger capacity, passenger services, data analysis, induction of electric vehicles, Introduction of Technology, Ticketing and the provision of passenger information, urban transport planning and policy, institutional organisation of transport, governance and accountability arrangements, project financing, strategy, and procurement methodologies, Policy development and assessment of technology strategies, Operations procurement and contracting, Infrastructure maintenance strategies, Infrastructure design and delivery etc.

(d) to (e) This MoU will help in strengthening the integrated public transport for all. This will help people from all segments of the society to have access to a quality public transport system. Further, will help in introducing innovative practices such as digital payments, standardizing the design of the buses, use of technology for demand projection and route rationalization to enhance efficiency of public transport operations
