

Use of public transport in cities

*205. SHRI DEREK O'BRIEN: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the use of public transportation in cities in India as a percentage of total transport trips as well as total people travelling each day, year-wise since 2013;

(b) the share of different modes of public transportation including buses and metro system in total public transport use, year-wise since 2013;

(c) the details of measures taken to increase the use of public transportation in cities, especially under the Smart Cities scheme; and

(d) the number and current status of Bus Rapid Transit System (BRTS) projects approved, State-wise since 2013?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. VENKAIAH NAIDU): (a) and (b) The desired data on public transport about cities in India is not available. National Transport Development Policy Committee (NTDPC), constituted by Government of India under Chairmanship of Shri Rakesh Mohan, in its report dated 31.01.2014 has mentioned that at present, there is inconclusive data on the modal share distribution between various transport modes in cities in India. Copy of the Report is available on the URL:http://planningcommission.nic.in/sectors/NTDPC/voulme3_p2/urban_v3_p2.pdf

(c) Urban Transport is intertwined with Urban Development which is a State subject. Government of India (GoI) has issued National Urban Transport Policy (NUTP) in 2006, which encourages safe, reliable, affordable and sustainable public transport in the cities. GoI provides financial assistance to State Governments for undertaking public transport projects like metro rail and buses under its schemes. The recently launched Smart Cities Mission and AMRUT schemes have public transport in cities as an admissible component.

(d) Since 2013, BRTS in Amritsar, additional work for BRTS in Bhopal and Intelligent Transport System for BRTS in Indore have been approved by Government of India. The physical progress of these projects is 47%, 80% and 0% respectively.

RTI activists murdered and missing

*206. SHRI BALWINDER SINGH BHUNDER: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that a lot of RTI activists have been murdered or are missing during the last three years, and if so, the complete details in this regard; and