PHASING OUT OLD DIESEL BUSES AND REPLACING THEM WITH ELECTRIC BUSES

402. SHRI TIRUCHI SIVA:

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

(a) whether the Ministry has planned to phase out the old diesel buses and replace them with electric buses in the country;
(b) if so, the details thereof;
(c) whether the Ministry plans to allocate funds in the form of subsidy or viability gap funding to ensure STU’s (State Transport Undertakings) continued functioning after this change;
(d) if so, the details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor;
(e) whether the Ministry has planned to give support to the transition to electric buses including the infrastructure required; and
(f) if so, the details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

(SHRI NITIN JAIRAM GADKARI)

(a) to (d) No such proposal.

(e) and (f) Phase-II of FAME India Scheme is being implemented by the Ministry of Heavy Industries on PAN India basis for a period of 5 years w.e.f. 01st April, 2019 with a total budgetary support of Rs. 10,000 crores. This phase focusses on supporting electrification of public & shared transportation and aims to support, through subsidies, 7090 e-Buses, 5 lakh e-3 Wheelers, 55000 e-4 Wheeler Passenger Cars and 10 lakh e-2 Wheelers. In addition, creation of charging infrastructure is also supported to address range anxiety among users of electric vehicles.

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