GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO - 402

ANSWERED ON- 20/07/2022

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.
