

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2701
ANSWERED ON 16.12.2025

ELECTRIFICATION OF THE INTERCITY E-BUS FLEET

2701. SHRI TATKARE SUNIL DATTATREY:

Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has formulated or is considering a national strategy for the electrification of intercity bus fleets in the country;
- (b) the current share and total number of electric buses operating on intercity routes, alongwith progress over the last five years, year-wise;
- (c) whether the Government has evaluated the environmental and economic benefits associated with scaling up intercity electric buses and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) the status of initiatives undertaken under relevant schemes to facilitate procurement or deployment of intercity e-buses;
- (e) whether the Government has proposed or implemented measures to address infrastructure challenges including charging availability on national and State highways;
- (f) whether additional corridors such as the Mumbai–Goa Highway and the Samruddhi Mahamarg Expressway are being considered for inclusion; and
- (g) whether the Government is considering alternative procurement and financing models such as Viability Gap Funding (VGF) to reduce upfront project costs for intercity e-bus deployment?

ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR HEAVY INDUSTRIES
(SHRI BHUPATHIRAJU SRINIVASA VARMA)

- (a):** No such proposal is under consideration in the Ministry of Heavy Industries (MHI).
- (b):** Such data is not centrally maintained in MHI.
- (c):** No such assessment has been done by MHI.
- (d):** Under Phase-II of FAME India Scheme, MHI had sanctioned 450 e-Buses for intercity operations as per details below:

Sr. No.	State Transport Undertaking (STU)	Number of e-Buses allotted
1	Andhra Pradesh State Road Transport Corporation (APSRTC)	50
2	Gujarat State Road Transport Corporation (GSRTC)	50
3	Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation (KSRTC)	50
4	Maharashtra State Road Transport Corporation (MSRTC)	150
5	Kadamba Transport Corporation Limited (KTCL)	150

Further, the PM E-DRIVE Scheme notified by the Ministry of Heavy Industries on 29.09.2024 has an allocation of Rs. 4,391 crore for deployment of 14,028 e-buses. Initially, the scheme aims to target nine cities with a population of more than 40 lakh namely Mumbai, Delhi, Bengaluru, Hyderabad, Ahmedabad, Chennai, Kolkata, Surat and Pune. Roll out of inter-city/inter-state e buses shall also be considered in consultation with state governments and other stakeholders.

(e): An allocation of Rs.2,000 crore has been made under the PM E-DRIVE scheme for setting up Electric Vehicle Public Charging Stations (EVPCS) on pan-India basis including highways.

(f) & (g): No such proposal is under consideration in MHI.
