

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1425
ANSWERED ON 29.07.2025

SUPPORT FOR ELECTRIC BUS FLEET EXPANSION IN TELANGANA

1425. DR. KADIYAM KAVYA:

Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has received a proposal from Telangana for the deployment of 2,800 electric buses under the PM e-Drive Scheme;
- (b) whether the State has requested permission to adopt a Hybrid GCC model, where buses are provided by OEMs but operated and maintained by TGSRTC staff to safeguard existing employment;
- (c) whether the Ministry is considering this employment-preserving model for approval under national EV incentive schemes; and
- (d) whether the Government proposes to extend support for EV retro-fitment initiatives and allow TGSRTC access to the Payment Security Mechanism to ensure financial viability?

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

(a): Yes, the Government has received a proposal from Telangana for the deployment of 2,800 electric buses under the PM E-DRIVE Scheme.

(b) & (c): Under PM E-DRIVE, support for e-buses will be provided through State/ city transport undertakings (STUs) on operational expenditure (OPEX)/ gross cost contract (GCC) model. Procurement of e-buses on aggregation model through competitive bidding shall be done by CESL. The State of Telangana has conveyed its intent to explore a Hybrid GCC model. However, currently, the model is not being considered under the current framework of PM E-DRIVE Scheme.

(d): EV retro-fitment is not covered under PM E-DRIVE scheme, therefore, the question of access to PSM does not arise.
