Need to grant additional e-buses to Bengaluru under PM e-Bus Sewa Scheme-Laid

SHRI P. C. MOHAN (BANGALORE CENTRAL): I would like to bring to the attention of the Government towards the urgent need for granting additional e-buses to Bengaluru under the PM e-Bus Sewa scheme. Bengaluru is home to over 13 million residents and faces severe traffic congestion and alarming levels of air pollution. The city currently possesses only 6,500 buses, including 1,231 non-AC electric buses. Of these, 90 e-buses were leased under the Smart Cities Mission, and 300 buses are set to join the fleet through the central scheme. However, this is far from adequate to meet the city? s growing demand for sustainable and efficient public transport. Bengaluru requires an additional 2,500 e-buses to provide last-mile connectivity, reduce reliance on private vehicles, and address environmental concerns. I urge the Union Government to prioritize Bengaluru's application under the PM e-Bus Sewa scheme and expedite the allocation of the required 2,500 e-buses. This move will not only bolster public transport but also significantly contribute to the nation? s green mobility goals under the National Electric Mobility Mission.