

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

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ADVANCED PUBLIC TRANSPORT SYSTEM  
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**Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Union Government has received any proposal from the Government of Karnataka requesting funds to implement 'Advanced Public Transport System' including hand held Electronic Ticket Vending and Verification Machine and Smart Card Passes;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the status of the said proposal; and
- (c) the time by which the amount is likely to be released/proposal likely to be cleared?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI MAHADEO SINGH KHANDELA)

(a) to (c) Proposals have been received from Government of Karnataka seeking financial assistance for introduction of smart card based student passes and monthly commuter passes to be implemented by North Eastern Karnataka Road Transport Corporation (NEKRTC) and Bangalore Metropolitan Transport Corporation (BMTC). Proposals have also been received from Government of Karnataka seeking financial assistance for implementation of Global Positioning System (GPS) enabled vehicle tracking and monitoring system and passenger information system, procurement of electronic bus ticket machine and for hardware for advanced ticket reservation system to be implemented by Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation. A draft scheme prepared by the Ministry for providing central assistance to the States for strengthening public transport system has been approved by Planning Commission in principle and by the Expenditure Finance Committee (EFC). Since finalization of the scheme involves observation/ approval of the competent authority in the Ministry and Ministry of Finance, no definite time frame for consideration of the above proposals can be envisaged at this stage.