

1500 e-buses allocated to Mumbai and 1000 e-buses to Pune to strengthen clean and sustainable urban mobility in Maharashtra under PM E-DRIVE Scheme

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The Minister of State for Heavy Industries, Shri Bhupathiraju Srinivasa Varma, in a written reply to a question in Lok Sabha, informed about the latest progress under the Prime Minister Electric Drive Revolution for Indian Vehicles Enhancement (PM E-DRIVE) Scheme. In the second phase of allotment, 1500 e-buses have been allocated to Mumbai and 1000 e-buses to Pune to strengthen clean and sustainable urban mobility in Maharashtra.

In addition to Mumbai and Pune, the Minister said that 200 e-buses each have been sanctioned for Hyderabad and Ahmedabad under the second phase of the programme.

The MoS further informed that ₹4,391 crore has been allocated for the deployment of 14,028 e-buses across the country under the scheme. The bids for selection of e-bus operators for the first phase, covering 10,900 e-buses, were opened on November 14, 2025.

The support for e-buses under the PM E-DRIVE Scheme is extended to State Transport Undertakings (STUs) and city transport bodies on an Operational Expenditure (OPEX)/Gross Cost Contract (GCC) model. The Convergence Energy Services Limited (CESL) conducts procurement of e-buses through a competitive aggregation model. Private entities meeting eligibility conditions specified in the Request for Proposal (RFP) issued by CESL are permitted to participate in the supply, operation, and maintenance of e-buses. Under the GCC model, the selected private operator is responsible for procurement, operation, maintenance, and development of necessary electric and civil infrastructure, including charging facilities at maintenance depots.

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