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Scaling Public Bus Transport: Outlook 2030 for Achieving SDGs in India

Date: 22 October 2020

Time: 11:00 am -12:30 pm (IST)

Background

Public transport is essential for urban mobility of people in the cities for sustainable urban development. Buses have been the true guardians of mobility in India. However, the Bus sector in India which is so important for transporting industrial workers, school children and people in the cities is currently facing one of its toughest challenges due to the current pandemic. In addition the key challenges in the Bus Sector in India are (a) demand-supply gap-there is a need for nearly 500,000 more buses (b) lagging service delivery - ageing fleet, operational sustainability, customer focus, multi-modal integration (c) Increased shift towards private transport (of the 1.7 million buses in India only 10% are run by the State Road Transport Undertakings) negative environment impact (d) Limited funding and investments – capex and opex due to heavy losses (e) Fragmented institutional roles and responsibilities (e) Need for upgrading HR Capacities and skills.

Public Transport in India is in the concurrent list of the Constitution of India. Almost all the State Road Transport Undertakings are incurring losses. One of the reasons is the heavy cost of diesel as a fuel. Hence the need for switching over to the alternative fuels including electric buses, CNG, LNG, Methanol and Ethanol to reduce the cost of fuel and adopting alternative green fuels to reduce pollution levels. There is also need for legislative changes for granting permits to promote inter-city buses, developing E-Highways, changing rules and regulations with reference to bus operations, promoting public private partnerships on London Transport Model, developing Bus ports like Airports, introducing double-decker buses, trolley buses and rail buses. There is a huge potential for scaling up the bus transport by using alternative fuel technologies, innovative transport systems and financial models thus providing more comfortable buses for long distance travels so as to enable people to switch over to bus transport from personal vehicles.

The Webinar aims at discussing all these issues including rural urban linkages for scaling public bus transport for achieving various SDGs by 2030.

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A panel of distinguished speakers for the webinar will be:

1. Mr. Jan Deman, Managing Director, BusWorld Foundation
2. Mr. Prasanna Patwardhan, President Bus Operators Confederation of India (BOCI)
3. Dr. Surendra Kumar Bagde, General Manager, BEST, Mumbai (Maharashtra)
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Moderator: Dr. Kulwant Singh, Advisor, Bus World Academy

Registration for the pre-event

This virtual pre-event of the 13th Regional EST Forum in Asia is open to the governments and public (upon registration).

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