GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2437 ANSWERED ON 13TH MARCH, 2025

WORKING HOURS LIMIT AND REST PROVISIONS FOR DRIVERS

2437. SHRI ASADUDDIN OWAISI:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

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be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is considering implementing a mandatory double-driver system on national permit vehicles to reduce driver fatigue and enhance road safety, if so, the details thereof; and
- (b) whether the Government is taking steps to enforce compliance with working hours limit and weekly rest provisions for drivers as per the Motor Transport Workers Act, if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

(SHRI NITIN JAIRAM GADKARI)

- (a) No such proposal is under consideration. However, as per the section 91 of the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988, the hours of work of any person engaged for operating a transport vehicle shall be such as provided in the Motor Transport Workers Act, 1961.
- (b) The Motor Transport Workers Act, 1961 is governed through the State Governments. However, section 31 & 32 of this Act have penalty provisions for contravention of provisions regarding the employment of motor transport workers and other offenses, respectively.
