

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC RELATIONS

CHANDIGARH ADMINISTRATION

Press Release

Flagging Off Ceremony of 40 New Ordinary Long Route Buses of CTU

Chandigarh, 15th October, 2017: Public Transport plays a vital role for mobility of people. We are witnessing problem of Traffic congestion and pollution. The only reliable and sustainable solution to this problem is to augment the Public Transport. CTU has shown commitment in providing commuter centric public transport solutions to the residents of Tricity as well as inter-city commuters. CTU has come a long way starting with 30 buses in 1966 to the present fleet strength of 532 buses.

On the eve of '**Diwali Festival**', another lot of 40 new long route buses (inter-city operation) today for the convenience of the public were flagged off by Hon'ble Member of Parliament Smt. Kirron Kher. These buses are BS-IV compliant and fitted with ITS equipments like AVLS, electronic destination boards, pneumatically controlled doors etc. These buses will cover the inter-state routes to major cities of the neighboring states viz Delhi, Haridwar, Dehradun, Amritsar, Jawalaji etc. The closed routes of Jaipur and Bathinda shall also be operated. With the addition of these buses total fleet of CTU shall swell to 572.

Speaking on the occasion Smt. Kirron Kher, appreciated the efforts of the management of CTU and appealed the travellers to ensure that the buses are kept clean and maintained, so that the shelf life of the buses also increase.

CTU is in process of procuring 40 HVAC (Semi-deluxe) buses for which tendering process is under-way. These buses shall be added in the fleet by March 2018. CTU also intends to procure 40 Super Luxury Integral Coaches (Volvo, Scania or Mercedes) for Inter city routes for which case has been taken up with GoI (MoRTH). The process for 20 Electrical buses for running in tri-city is also initiated, already CTU conducted the trials with TATA and Goldstone Electric buses in July-August of this year.

About 1.5 lakh passengers utilize all these benefits being extended by Chandigarh transport Undertaking in order to free our city from the menace of traffic congestions and pollution to maintain the beauty of city beautiful for ever.