

PRESS RELEASE

This rejoinder refers to the news item published in news papers and other media that tyre shortage to affect Diwali special bus services. The news says amid an acute shortage of tyres in Tamil Nadu, Metropolitan Transport Corporation(MTC), Chennai and other transport corporations might struggle to offer uninterrupted bus services this Diwali.

Transport Department hereby put on record that the present tyre float position of the tyres and retreading materials are more than the requirement for the uninterrupted operation of all the bus services. All the STUs have a comfortable stock of spare new tyres, and sufficient stock of retreading materials for retreading the tyres. 15,997 tyres were procured from May-2021 to till date and another 1,000 tyres on transit to the STUs. At present, STUs are in a comfortable position to operate all the buses during Diwali special operation without any issue. Procured Tread Rubber, bonding cum, PVC are in adequate stock to do the retreading of old tyres.

Transport Department hereby informs that State Transport Undertakings have adequate stock of tyres and retreading materials to maintain the smooth operations of buses now and also special operation during Diwali Festival.

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