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## **194 more JNNURM buses for three clusters soon**

**Under the Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM), Odisha will get 194 more new buses for three clusters of cities like Cuttack, Baleswar and Bhadrak for improving city transport system in these cluster cities.**

The Union Government's Urban Development Ministry in its Central Sanctioning and Monitoring Committee meeting on Tuesday approved a total of 194 buses for cluster cities of Jeypore-Koraput, Cuttack-Choudwar and Baleswar-Bhadrak under the JNNURM, sources said.

Sources revealed while 40 buses have been approved for Jeypore-Koraput cluster, Cuttack-Choudwar cluster will get 100 buses and Baleswar-Bhadrak cluster has got an approval for 54 buses.

The Committee has approved a total of 1080 buses for 13 cluster cities in 13 States for the purpose.

As per the bus funding guidelines, first instalment of the Union government's share will be released to the state after submission of information / documents within three months.

The State Government has to procure these buses as per the urban

bus specifications-II which has been prepared by the Ministry of Urban Development recently. Projects relating to ancillary infrastructure viz. depot, workshops, Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) etc. for urban transport in these cluster cities have also been sanctioned.

The objective behind sanctioning of these buses is to improve the city transport system, to give Metro experience to public in these modern ITS enabled buses and to attract the public to use public transport.