

UPSRTC proposes eight new bus stands along Outer Ring Road

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LUCKNOW: As part of the efforts to improve ease of public transport for citizens and better the services of the State Road Transport Corporation, the UPSRTC is drafting a proposal to establish eight new bus stands at different points on Outer Ring Road. This will make inter-district travel more convenient for passengers.

Tender for construction of 23 bus stands was floated on transport minister Dayashankar Singh's instruction in early 2023. These eight bus stands are among these 23. SRTC officials are attributing the reason for bus stands to alleviate traffic jams on these routes. "Since the Outer Ring Road connects the city to many neighbouring districts,

this will help reduce traffic congestion on roads," said UPSRTC technical manager Ajit Singh.

The routes going off the Outer Ring Road that will get new bus stops are Ayodhya, Sitapur, Mohan, Sultanpur Road, Kursi Road, Kanpur, Hardoi, and Rae Bareli. Now, of the recently reduced bus fleet, state and private, 1738 buses will be dispersed among some more bus stands, reducing the pressure from the main bus stands in the city, namely Qaiserbagh, Alambagh, Charbagh and Awadh bus stands. More buses are expected to be added to the state fleet in the coming months.

Some more fare stops have also been added to the SRTC bus routes, and more will be integrated subsequently, in order to make state buses accessible to

more passengers from rural areas. The transport minister noted that several of these daily travellers had to make lengthy trips to reach a bus stand or stop from where they could board the bus and adding more fare stops would allow easier access to these facilities. He had instructed that fare stops should be added at every 3km in rural areas and at a maximum of 5 km in urban areas. "There is no expense involved in making new fare stops," he said.

He observed, "Due to lack of fare stops as per demand and lack of availability of corporation services, passengers resort to alternative means of transport, due to which an increase in operation of unauthorised vehicles is seen on the notified routes."