

Tender process for 5k e-buses to start soon

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Lucknow: The UP govt is preparing to replace the state road transport corporation buses with electric buses and is expected to begin the tendering process for the deployment of 5,000 buses on June 14.

Transport minister Dayashankar Singh said that in the first phase, electric buses capable of plying at least 200 km will be deployed in Prayagraj, Agra and Ghaziabad districts. He said that cities like Varanasi, Kanpur, Vindhyanchal Dham, Chitrakoot, Ayodhya, Lucknow etc will be linked with Prayagraj through e-buses. Similarly, Agra and Ghaziabad will be linked with areas around them.

“The buses will be deployed on a contractual basis. The bus owners will employ drivers and other

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staff. Also, vehicle owners will be able to hire operators on their own. The fare will be equal to the currently plying 3x2 and 2x2 seater AC buses,” the minister said.

He added that the transport corporation will provide land and power connections for charging stations. The facility will be available at transport corporation depots. The owners will be responsible for the maintenance of the buses for the first 12 years. They will also have to ensure training for drivers.