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A Game Changer-Free Travel Passes for Women: mobilized by Stree Shakti The Parallel Force

‘A free bus travel pass for women removes the burden of cost from women with limited resources allowing them to venture out freely. Women are facing triple burden in our society. We congratulate BJP for introducing free Bus Travel from 1st June 2026 and are hopeful that in States like Aasam, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh, Chhattisgarh and other States, it will be introduced soon.’

Rekha Mody - Founder Stree Shakti The Parallel Force

Rural and urban women alike require convenient access to transportation for socio-economic and cultural fulfillment. Research indicates that on average, lower-economic status women spend around Rupees 35,000 per year on necessary personal expenses – of this, Rupees 5,000 on clothing, Rupees 1,500 on healthcare, Rupees 1,500 on hygiene and Rupees 24,000 for travel and Rupees 3,000 for unforeseen costs. Free Bus Travel will result in annual savings per woman of Rs. 24,000 approximately.

Policy Enactment Status:

State Government	Political Party	Declared
New Delhi	Aam Aadmi Party / BJP	October 2019 – Continued by BJP from 20 th February 2025
Punjab	Indian National Congress	1 st April 2021
Tamil Nadu	DMK	8 th May 2021
Puducherry	AINRC and BJP	17 th March 2023
Haryana (Partial)	Bharatiya Janata Party	January 2022
Karnataka	INC	11 th June 2023
Jammu & Kashmir	National Conference	1 st April 2025
Andhra Pradesh	Telugu Desam Party	15 th August 2025
West Bengal	BJP	1 st June 2026