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## CM to decide on proposal to hike bus fares by 20%

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Transport Minister Laxman Savadi said on Thursday that in the wake of rise in diesel prices, a proposal to increase bus fares has been placed before Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa, who will take the final decision on the issue.

The minister said the four road transport corporations (RTCs) have proposed a fare hike of about 20% to offset the losses caused by fuel prices. "BMTC has sought an 18% hike in fares. The issue will be brought to the notice of the chief minister and will be taken up in the upcoming Assembly session. We will also take suggestions

from the Opposition parties," he said.

He said the four RTCs have suffered a loss of Rs 2,780 crore with the overall revenue loss of Rs 4,000 crore. As a result, the government has released Rs 1,780 crore for

providing staff salaries, he said but added that RTCs can't be run with profit motive.

The department, he said, has already agreed to hike the taxi fares by 15% in view of the rise in diesel prices. Taxi aggregators Ola and Uber are now

demanding similar measures. The minister said old buses need to be replaced.

"We have placed a proposal to purchase 4,000 buses this year," he said.



Laxman Savadi