ALMOST every day of the week, a disgruntled Ms Sindhu Achudan makes it to class with minutes to spare. This, despite leaving her Yishun home two hours earlier for the one-hour journey by train and bus to the Singapore Institute of Management (SIM) in Clementi Road.

“I have hardly any time to catch my breath, and will be perspiring when class starts,” said the 22-year-old undergraduate yesterday.

The buses she takes to get from Clementi MRT station to the SIM campus – services 52, 104 and 184 – are scheduled to arrive at five- and 10-minute intervals, but waiting times can stretch up to 20 minutes, she said.

“Even if you leave early and factor in more travel time, you also end up rushing, getting stressed out.”

She added that there have been frequent occurrences of two buses of the same service numbers arriving at the same time. So, the Government’s latest proposal to offer cash incentives to operators which can run their buses on time is welcome. But she said Singapore’s clogged roads may prove a roadblock.

She suggested that operators bump up their fleets to ensure that targeted arrival times are met, even if there is congestion.

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