IF I COULD INVENT SOMETHING NEW…

If I had enough knowledge, I would create a machine that could fly. I envision it being able to land easily in regular parking spaces for automobiles. It would be small enough to avoid problems with parking and movement. Nowadays, almost every city experiences traffic problems. People wish to travel faster, especially when they are running late. I’m sure at such moments, they think: “I wish I could fly.”

In big cities, this problem is particularly tricky. We often hear on Russian TV about officials abusing their authority on the roads. They turn on special signals, ignore traffic rules, and bypass large traffic jams. In Moscow, for example, citizens can be stuck in traffic for more than five hours. Many Moscow drivers try to find something productive to do while in their cars. They listen to audiobooks, make calls, and learn languages. This time could be spent with their families, working, entertaining, or resting. It’s difficult to fully enjoy life when you spend more than five hours a day driving a car, especially when it’s not your job.

Furthermore, we know how expensive it is for our government to build roads. We spend years constructing one bridge. As an example, my district is very close to another, but I can’t move there quickly because of the river. It is on the other side. I have to pass through the whole city to reach it.

Also, I suppose it would be cheaper to maintain a flying machine. You wouldn’t need to change tyres, repair suspension, or deal with other attendant details. Of course, there would be other components to maintain, such as powerful motors or helical blades. Owners would need to care for these parts of the “mini-helicopter.” The fuel might be more expensive. Nevertheless, this machine would have many advantages.

Thus, this new vehicle would make our lives a little bit easier. People who live in big cities would have the opportunity to spend more time studying or travelling with their families. It would help some businesses minimize time waste. It would reduce spending on building roads, rails, bridges, and more. What I am saying about flying cars is that they will help reduce traffic not only in Lagos but also in other states in Nigeria and around the world. I hope my idea and point of view about flying cars will be reconsidered because the world will change positively. It would reduce global warming because traditional cars pollute the air with carbon monoxide emissions.

In conclusion, I hope my idea will be shared with the world and that engineers and CEOs of big companies will try to make my idea a reality.

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