

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES  
DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.204**  
**TO BE ANSWERED ON 21.07.2015**

**Promoting R & D in Automobile Sector**

204. SHRI K. PARASURAMAN:

Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is planning to increase the number of centres of excellence to promote research and development and automotive testing infrastructure in the country including Tamil Nadu; and  
(b) if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (SHRI G.M. SIDDESHWARA)**

(a) & (b): Yes Madam. As per Cabinet approval, Government of India has established National Automotive Testing and R&D Infrastructure Project (NATRiP), the largest and one of the most significant project to create a state of the art Testing, Validation and R&D infrastructure in the country including Centres of Excellence (COEs) in select areas of Automobile Research and Testing.

Under NATRiP, the following COE's are planned to be developed:

1. Centre of Excellence on Powertrain, ARAI, Pune.
2. Centre of Excellence on Fatigue, ARAI, Pune.
3. Centre of Excellence on Materials, ARAI, Pune.
4. Centre of Excellence on Electro-Magnetic Compatibility, GARC, Chennai.
5. Centre of Excellence on Passive Safety, GARC, Chennai.
6. Centre of Excellence on Infotronics, GARC, Chennai.
7. Centre of Excellence on Noise, Vibration & Harshness, iCAT, Manesar.
8. Centre of Excellence on Component Development, iCAT, Manesar.
9. Centre of Excellence on Vehicle Dynamics, NATRAX, Indore.

Out of these, three COEs are being established at Chennai in the State of Tamil Nadu.

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