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Eco friendly vehicles

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that the absence of an electric vehicles policy would come in the way of developing eco friendly vehicles in the country;
- (b) whether it is also a fact that Government would continue to support vehicle manufacturers to go ahead with their plan of making eco friendly vehicles; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND
PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (SHRI BABUL SUPRIYO)**

(a) to (c): To support the hybrid/electric vehicles market development and its manufacturing ecosystem, the Government formulated a scheme namely FAME-India [Faster Adoption and Manufacturing of (Hybrid &) Electric Vehicles in India] in March 2015. The scheme was originally for a period of 2 year commencing from 1st April 2015 till 31st March 2017, but has been extended further for a period of one year i.e. upto 31st March 2018. The scheme has 4 focus areas i.e. Technology Development, Demand Creation, Pilot Projects and charging Infrastructure.

In the existing scheme, there are no provisions to support vehicle manufacturers for making eco friendly vehicles. However, to make the hybrid / electric vehicles (xEVs) affordable, demand incentive is available for buyers of xEVs in the form of an upfront reduced purchase price to enable wider adoption.

Further, to enable acceptance/promotion of this new technology, specific projects under Pilot Projects, R&D/Technology Development and Public Charging Infrastructure were also funded under the scheme. This was aimed at developing an ecosystem around electric mobility.

The notification of this scheme provides that the scheme shall be reviewed appropriately with inputs from stakeholders and based on the outcome & experience gained in Phase-1, for implementation beyond Phase-1 with appropriate allocation of funds in the future.

Accordingly, the Government has initiated the process for developing a strategy to scale up transformative mobility for uptake of zero emission vehicles and ancillary technologies.
