

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

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1457
TO BE ANSWERED ON 08.03.2018

Permits for commercial electric vehicles

1457. SHRI T. RATHINAVEL:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that permits are not required for commercial electric vehicles, as per the plan of Government to shift to electric vehicles by the year 2030;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the electric mobility push is in line with the global trend;
- (d) whether several electric car manufacturers from abroad have approached India for setting up of electric cars plants in the country; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b): Ministry of Road Transport & Highways have informed that they have granted exemption from permit to e-rickshaw vide notification S.O. 2812(E) dated 30.08.2016. Other electric vehicles used for commercial purposes such as taxis, auto-rickshaws and buses require permit under section 66 of the Motor Vehicle Act, 1988. It is added that no targets have so far been set by the Government to shift to electric vehicles by 2030.

(c): In line with global trend to promote electric mobility in the country, the Government formulated a scheme namely Faster Adoption and Manufacturing of (Hybrid &) Electric Vehicles in India [FAME India] which have four (4) focus areas i.e. Demand Creation, Pilot Projects, Technology Platform/R&D and Charging Infrastructure. The scheme was originally for a period of 2 years with effect from 1st April 2015 till 31st March 2017, which has been extended for a further period up to 31st March 2018.

To make the hybrid / electric vehicles (xEVs) affordable, the demand incentive is being extended to buyers of xEVs in the form of an upfront reduced purchase price to enable wider adoption. Also, 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.

(d) & (e): Automobile sector is liberalized sector allowing 100% Foreign Direct Investment (FDI). So far, following electric / hybrid car manufacturers (OEMs) have registered themselves under FAME India Scheme of the Government for availing demand incentives under the scheme –

- i) Mahindra & Mahindra Ltd.
- ii) Mahindra Reva Electric Vehicles Pvt. Ltd.
- iii) Maruti Suzuki India Ltd.
- iv) Toyota Kirloskar Motors Pvt. Ltd.
- v) Tata Motors Pvt. Ltd.