

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 728
ANSWERED ON 25.07.2025

PM E-DRIVE INITIATIVE

728. SHRI MANAN KUMAR MISHRA:
SHRI KESRIDEVSINH JHALA:
SMT. DARSHANA SINGH:
SHRI BABURAM NISHAD:
SHRI MOKARIYA RAMBHAI:

Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

- (a) Government's plan to measure the long-term emissions impact of public transport under PM E-DRIVE;
- (b) the plans for expanding the electric public transport network under PM E-DRIVE in the future;
- (c) the measures on which Government is working to improve coordination with the States for the successful implementation of e-bus fleets;
- (d) whether any roadmap has been prepared for setting up public charging stations on national highways and metropolitan cities; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR HEAVY INDUSTRIES
(SHRI BHUPATHIRAJU SRINIVASA VARMA)

(a) to (c): Under the PM E-DRIVE Scheme, Rs.4,391 crore has been allocated towards deployment of 14,028 e-buses. This will result in significant reduction in the emissions. Initially, nine cities with population of more than 40 lakh viz. Mumbai, Delhi, Bangalore, Hyderabad, Ahmedabad, Chennai, Kolkata, Surat, and Pune will be targeted under the scheme.

Procurement of e-buses on aggregation model through competitive bidding shall be done by CESL. Support for e-buses will be provided through State/ city transport undertakings (STUs) on operational expenditure (OPEX)/ gross cost contract (GCC) model. CESL is coordinating with the States for rollout of the e-buses under PM E-DRIVE scheme.

Meetings with states have been conducted by MHI and CESL. Cities have submitted their request for allotment of e-buses.

(d) & (e): Setting up of electric vehicle charging stations is an unlicensed activity and private entrepreneurs can also participate in the activity. In addition to this, an allocation of Rs.2,000 crore has been made under the PM E-DRIVE Scheme, for setting up of electric vehicle public charging stations (EV PCS) on pan India basis including national highways and metropolitan cities.
