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

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2481 TO BE ANSWERED ON 02.01.2018

Promotion of Electric Vehicles

2481. SHRI HARIOM SINGH RATHORE: SHRI RAM CHARAN BOHRA: SHRI P. NAGARAJAN:

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

- (a) whether the Government has any proposal to promote electric vehicles to reduce dependence on petrol and diesel and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government has signed agreements with foreign companies for attracting foreign investments with a view to establishing units for manufacturing electric vehicles;
- (c) if so, the details of such investment made, State-wise;
- (d) whether the Government has formulated any incentive scheme for the manufacturer and consumers of electric vehicles as an alternative to petrol and diesel vehicles and if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the type and number of e-vehicles plying on roads in the country at present?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (e): To promote hybrid / electric vehicles in the country, the Government notified FAME India Scheme [Faster Adoption and Manufacturing of (Hybrid &) Electric Vehicles in India], as a part of the National Electric Mobility Mission Plan 2020, initially for a period of 2 years commencing from 1st April 2015 and till 31st March 2017, with an outlay of Rs. 795 crore. This scheme is one of the green initiatives of the Government, which is aimed at reducing dependency on fossil fuel. The scheme is being implemented through four focus areas namely Technology Development (R&D), Pilot Project, Charging Infrastructure and Demand Creation. The scehme has been extended for a further period upto 31st March 2018.

Under Demand creation focus area, the purchaser of electric / hybrid vehicles (xEVs) is given an upfront reduction purchase price by the dealer at the time of purchase of xEVs. The detailed demand incentives allowed under the scheme for purchase of electric/hybrid vehicles is given at Annexure-13 of the Gazette notification of FAME India Scheme, which is available in the website of Department of Heavy Industry (www.dhi.nic.in). However, no financial assistance is extended to the manufacturers of xEVs, at present, under the scheme.

Also, specific projects/proposals received under different focus areas arefunded by the Government under this scheme.

Ministry of Heavy Industries & Public Enterprises have not signed any agreement with foreign companies for attracting foreign investments with a view to establishing units for manufacturing electric vehicles.

Since FAME India Scheme, at present, is not applicable PAN-India, the Department captures the data of vehicles which are supported through demand incentive in the covered areas under the scheme. Market creation through demand incentives is aimed at incentivizing all vehicle segments i.e. 2-Wheelers, 3-Wheelers Auto, Passenger 4-Wheeler Vehicles, Light Commercial Vehicles and Buses Since inception of this scheme, the Government has given support through demand incentives to 174760 electric / hybrid vehicles.
