

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 6322
ANSWERED ON 5TH APRIL, 2018

SOLAR POWERED AND BATTERY CARS

6322. SHRI J.C. DIVAKAR REDDY:
SHRI RAM CHARAN BOHRA:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

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be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has formulated any special scheme to promote solar and battery driven vehicles;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government has urged/directed the automobile companies to invest in solar and battery driven cars in India as they do abroad; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and response of the industry thereto?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE
MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

(SHRI MANSUKH L. MANDAVIYA)

(a) to (d) No, Madam. No such scheme is under consideration in the Ministry for the promotion of solar and battery driven vehicles.

However, Government of India has notified FAME India Scheme [Faster Adoption and Manufacturing of (Hybrid &) Electric Vehicles in India] for implementation with effect from 1st April 2015 with the objective to support hybrid/electric vehicles market development and manufacturing eco-system. The scheme has four focus areas i.e, Technology Development, Demand Creation, Pilot Projects and Charging infrastructure. Further Ministry of Road Transport and Highways has notified GSR 629(E) dated 24th June, 2016 for retro-fitment of hybrid electric system or electric kit to vehicles and S.O. 1013(E) dated 15th April, 2015 specifying the type approval procedure of electric hybrid vehicles.

Ministry has amended the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988 by inserting the Motor Vehicles (Amendment) Act, 2015 dated 19.03.2015 and has notified GSR 709(E) dated 08.10.2014, S.O. 2590(E) dated 08.10.2014 and GSR 27(E) dated 13.01.2015 for amending the Central Motor Vehicles Rules, 1989 (CMVRs) to include specifications regarding manufacture, operation, registration and issue of driving license to e-rickshaw drivers under the ambit of CMVRs to bring relief to people depending on e-rickshaws for their livelihood.
