GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2410 ANSWERED ON 06.08.2024

PLI SCHEMES FOR AUTOMOBILE AND AUTO COMPONENTS

2410. SHRI RAJU BISTA:

Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES भारी उदयोग मंत्री be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the PLI Schemes for Automobile and Auto components, including statistics on the number of applicants and approved applicants particularly in West Bengal;
- (b) the details of the distribution and utilisation of the budget for the PLI Scheme, along with the measures in place for monitoring the progress and outcomes of the Scheme during the specified 5-year period;
- (c) actions taken to bolster the involvement and advantages of Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (SMEs) in the automobile and auto components sector through the PLI Scheme; and
- (d) whether there have been any training initiatives, specifically designed for Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (SMEs), aimed at assisting them in incorporating Industry 4.0 technologies into their operations?

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

(a): Government approved the Production Linked Incentive (PLI) Scheme for Automobile and Auto Components Industry in India (PLI-AUTO) for enhancing India's manufacturing capabilities for advanced automotive products with a budgetary outlay of Rs.25,938 crore. PLI-Auto proposes financial incentives to boost domestic manufacturing of Advanced Automotive Technology (AAT) products and attract investments in the automotive manufacturing value chain. Its prime objectives include overcoming cost disabilities, creating economies of scale and building a robust supply chain in areas of AAT products.

The PLI-Auto Scheme notification was issued on 23rd September, 2021. Application Window for the scheme was open till 9th January, 2022. There are 82 approved applicants under the Scheme comprising 18 Original Equipment Manufacturers (OEMs) and 64 Component Companies, at present. There is no approved applicant from the state of West Bengal.

(b) to (d): (i) Applicants are in the process of making investment and achieving Domestic Value Addition (DVA) of minimum 50%. The tenure of the scheme was extended for one year vide Gazette Notifications No. SO 5486 (E) and SO 5487 (E) dated 29.12.2023. Therefore, FY 2024-25 is the first incentive disbursement year for the scheme. No claims have been received under this scheme.

For effective monitoring of the progress and outcomes of the scheme, this Ministry has taken the following measures:

- 1. Appointment of Industrial Finance Corporation of India Ltd. (IFCI Ltd.) as the Project Management Agency (PMA) for implementation of the scheme including, among others, appraisal of applications, verification of incentive claims and compilation of data regarding progress & performance of the scheme.
- 2. Launch of online portal of the scheme: https://pliauto.in/ with the facility of filing online application under the scheme.
- 3. Quarterly Review Report (QRR) Module implemented under scheme Portal.
- 4. Application for certification of Advanced Automotive Technology (AAT) Product Module implemented under scheme Portal.
- 5. Uploading of PLI Auto scheme data regularly on PRAYAS Portal.
- 6. Organising stakeholder consultations, regular review meetings and workshops for monitoring the progress of scheme and supporting and hand-holding the applicants.
- (ii) The eligible applicants for this scheme are Champion OEMs, Component Champions and New non-automotive investors with prescribed Global Group Revenue, Gross Block and Global net worth. The PLI Auto scheme is promoting investment in the automobile sector. This is leading to overall increased manufacturing activity downstream with establishment of supply chain where Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (SMEs) may participate and benefit for the ecosystem. The details of the eligibility criteria of this scheme is at **ANNEXURE**.

REFERRED IN LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NUMBER 2410 PART (b) to (d) FOR 06.08.2024 ASKED BY SHRI RAJU BISTA REGARDING "PLI SCHEMES FOR AUTOMOBILE AND AUTO COMPONENTS"

ANNEXURE

Eligibility: The applicant company or its Group company(ies) will need to meet the following common criteria to qualify and receive benefits under the scheme:

Basic Eligibility Criteria:

(a) For company or its Group company(ies) with existing presence in India or globally in the Automotive vehicle and components manufacturing business:

Eligibility Criteria	Auto OEM	Auto-Component	
Global group* Revenue (from automotive and/or auto component manufacturing)	Minimum ₹ 10,000 crore.	Minimum ₹ 500 crore.	
Investment	or its Group* Company(ies) in	Global Investment of Company or its Group* Company(ies) in fixed assets (gross block) of ₹150 crore.	

^{*}Group Company(ies) shall mean two or more enterprises which, directly or indirectly, are in a position to:

Exercise twenty-six percent or more of voting rights in the other enterprise;

Or

Appoint more than fifty percent of members of Board of Directors in the other enterprise. (Asdefined in the FDI Policy Circular of 2020)

Note: i. Above Eligibility criteria to be met based on audited financial statements for year ending March 31, 2021.

- **ii.** An applicant company or its Group company(ies) must satisfy the entire eligibility criteria to be eligible under the scheme.
- (b) For new non-automotive investor company or its Group company(ies) that may want to participate in this scheme:

Eligibility Criteria	New Non-Automotive investor company or its Group company(ies) (who are currently not in automobile or auto component manufacturing business)			
Global net worth	₹ 1000 crore based on audited financial statements for year ending March 31,2021.			
Committed investment in India over five year period	As per Minimum New Domestic Investment Conditions mentioned in para – 3.2(c) below.			

Note:

i. Non-Automotive company or its Group company(ies) can qualify for this scheme provided they present a clear business plan to invest in India and generate revenues from Advanced Automotive Technology vehicles or Advanced Automotive Technology components manufacturing.

- ii. The applicant new Non-Automotive Investor company or its Group company(ies) will be eligible to claim incentive subject to meeting cumulative minimum new domestic investment to be achieved for a particular year. The applicant will also have to meet the % Year on Year growth criteria from the minimum threshold fixed from the first year.
- iii. New Non-Automotive Investor company or its Group company(ies) will be defined as those who have no revenue from manufacturing of Automobile or auto-components as on 31st March, 2021.
- iv. An applicant new Non-Automotive Investor company or its Group company(ies) must satisfy the entire eligibility criteria.

(c) Minimum New Domestic Investment Conditions:

Cumulative New Domestic Investment Condition of Performance (₹ Crore)

Cumulative new	Champion	Champion	Component	New Non-Automotive	New Non-Automotive
domestic	OEM	OEM 2W	Champion	investor(OEM)compa	investor (Component)
investment to be	(Except 2W	& 3W		ny or its Group	company or its Group
achieved	&			company(ies)	company(ies)
	3W)				
Upto or before	300	150	40	300	80
March 31, 2023					
Upto or before	800	400	100	800	200
March 31, 2024					
Upto or before	1400	700	175	1400	350
March 31, 2025					
Upto or before	1750	875	220	1750	440
March 31, 2026					
Upto or before	2000	1000	250	2000	500
March 31, 2027					

Note:

- i. New investments should be made from the same legal entity as the one applying for the incentive.
- ii. Cumulative new domestic investment made starting 1st April, 2021 shall be considered under this condition.
- iii. The approved Company is required to meet the cumulative investment condition for each year.
- iv. In the event, any approved company meets the investment condition few years before the end of the scheme; it will be eligible for incentives throughout the tenure of the scheme subject to meeting other conditions of the scheme.
- v. In case the approved company fails to meet the cumulative domestic investment condition in any given year, it will not receive any incentive for that year even if the threshold for determined sales value is achieved. However, it will still be eligible to receive the benefits under the scheme in the following years if it meets the cumulative domestic investment condition defined for that year.
- (d) Preference will be given to eligible company or its Group company(ies) committing to front load their investment during the scheme period. Proposed investment commitment will be evaluated by calculating the Net Present Value (NPV) of the investment using the bank rate as the discounting factor.
