

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

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TO BE ANSWERED ON 19.12.2017

Hybrid and Electric Vehicles

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that the Government has given six months extension under the Faster Adoption of Manufacturing of Hybrid and Electric Vehicles in India Scheme;
- (b) if so, whether Auto Industries are seeking more support, as the main cost of electric car is lithium battery, which is exorbitant; and
- (c) the measures taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to make available Electric Vehicles at affordable price to the customers?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (c): The Phase-I of Faster Adoption and Manufacturing of (Hybrid &) Electric Vehicles in India (FAME India) Scheme, which was originally upto 31st March, 2017, has been extended till 31st March, 2018, with slight modification in the scheme to the extent of exclusion of benefits available for mild Hybrid Technology under the Scheme.

The Auto Industries in various forums and meetings have raised the issue of continued support, considering the price differential between IC Engine vehicles and e-Vehicles, mainly on account of exorbitant cost of lithium battery in electric car.

Under demand creation focus area of FAME India Scheme, demand incentive is given to buyers of electric/hybrid vehicles in the form of an upfront reduced purchase price. Also specific proposal under Pilot Projects, R&D/Technology Development and Public Charging Infrastructure components of the scheme are considered and approved for funding by the Project Implementation & Sanctioning Committee under FAME India Scheme. These measures are in the direction of making Electric Vehicle affordable to the customers.
