

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

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.836
TO BE ANSWERED ON 23.11.2016

Regulator for monitoring safety defects of cars

836. SHRI CHUNIBHAI KANJIBHAI GOHEL:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government has received complaints against a leading German luxury car manufacturer for emission norms and other manufacturing defects in their cars;
- (b) if so, what action Government has taken on the complaints received in this regard;
- (c) whether Government does not have any legal framework with regard to defective vehicles or their standardization; and
- (d) if so, what steps Government proposes to take for setting up of a regulator for strictly monitoring the safety defects of car manufacturers?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b): Pursuant to the reports in the media regarding violation of emission norms by the Volkswagen Automobile Manufacturer, a report on Conformity of Production (COP) for the said vehicle was called for from the Testing Agencies. Thereafter on the basis of report obtained by the Testing Agencies, Ministry of Road Transport & Highways has constituted a panel of experts comprising Professors from IIT Delhi, IIT Dehradun and IIT, Mumbai on 28.03.2016 to investigate the findings.

(c) & (d): Car models to be sold in India are tested as per the Standards notified under Central Motor Vehicles Rules. It is the responsibility of the vehicle manufacturers to produce the vehicle in compliance to the notified standards. Testing agencies, on behalf of Government of India, carry out verification of such compliance through the process called Conformity of Production (COP).
