

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES & PUBLIC ENTERPRISES  
DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 867**  
ANSWERED ON 19.09.2020

**SLUMP IN AUTOMOBILE INDUSTRY**

867. SHRI M.V. SHREYAMS KUMAR:

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

- (a) whether manufacturing of automobile has been reduced and the automobile sales decreased due to the spread of COVID-19 virus in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the measures being taken by Government to tackle this situation?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES & PUBLIC ENTERPRISES  
(SHRI PRAKASH JAVADEKAR)

(a) & (b): Yes Sir. As reported by Society of Indian Automobile Manufacturers (SIAM), the production of automobiles in the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 2020-21 (April-June 2020) was 14,86,594 against 72,13,045 during the same period last year and the domestic sales of automobiles in the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 2020-21 was 14,91,216 against 60,84,478 during the same period last year.

(c): The Government, as a policymaker, always attempts to sustain and improve momentum of the economy through a package of measures for comprehensive and continued development of the sector.

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