

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES
LOK SABHA
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PUBLIC TRANSPORT UNDER PM E-DRIVE SCHEME

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Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

- (a) the scheme of the Government to measure the long-term emission impact of public transport under PM e-Drive;
- (b) the details of the schemes to expand the electric public transport network under PM e-DRIVE in future;
- (c) the measures of the Government to improve coordination with the States for successful implementation of e-bus fleets;
- (d) whether any roadmap has been prepared for setting up public charging stations on National Highways and metros; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

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

(a) to (c): Under the PM E-DRIVE Scheme, Rs.4,391 crore has been allocated towards deployment of 14,028 e-buses, initially in nine cities with population of more than 40 lakh viz. Mumbai, Delhi, Bangalore, Hyderabad, Ahmedabad, Chennai, Kolkata, Surat, and Pune. This aims to reduce the emissions by public transport.

Procurement of e-buses on aggregation model through competitive bidding by CESL. Support for e-buses is provided through State/city transport undertakings (STUs) on operational expenditure (OPEX)/ gross cost contract (GCC) model. CESL is coordinating with the States for rollout of the e-buses under PM E-DRIVE scheme.

Meetings with states have been conducted by Ministry of Heavy Industries (MHI) and CESL. Cities have submitted their request for allotment of e-buses.

(d) & (e): Setting up of electric vehicle charging stations is an unlicensed activity and private entrepreneurs can also participate in the activity. In addition to this, an allocation of Rs.2,000 crore has been made under the PM E-DRIVE Scheme, for setting up of electric vehicle public charging stations (EV PCS) on pan India basis including national highways and metropolitan cities.
