

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

RAJYA SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO.424
TO BE ANSWERED ON 12.04.2017

Promotion of e-vehicles

424. SHRIMATI VIJILA SATHYANANTH:

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

- (a) whether Government is considering to fine tune the plan to promote e-vehicles in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the surplus electricity available with the country, presently will be used in promoting e-vehicles; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES
(SHRI ANANT G. GEETE)

(a) to (d): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT

Statement referred to in reply to parts (a) to (d) of Rajya Sabha Starred Question No. 424 asked by Shrimati Vijila Sathyananth regarding “Promotion of e-vehicles”.

(a) to (d): With a view to provide impetus to domestic manufacturing of hybrid & electric vehicles (collectively termed as xEVs), the Government of India approved the National Mission on Electric Mobility in 2011 and subsequently National Electric Mobility Mission Plan 2020 was unveiled in 2013. This Mission Plan has been designed mainly considering the Fuel Security and Environmental Pollution in the country.

In order to promote manufacturing of hybrid and electric vehicles and ensure sustainable growth of the same and as a follow up of the mission, Department of Heavy Industry (DHI) has formulated a scheme namely FAME India [Faster Adoption and Manufacturing of (Hybrid &) Electric Vehicles in India] for the initial period of two years starting from 1st April 2015 (Phase-1). In addition, Bureau of Energy Efficiency, Ministry of Power has informed that Ministry of Power has also notified the fuel efficiency standards for passenger cars which provide super credits for electric vehicles.

As per the Gazette Notification of the FAME Scheme, during the second year of the scheme, Department of Heavy Industry or a committee constituted by the department for this purpose will carry out an in- depth review of the scheme and will suggest appropriate measures based on the outcome/observations of this exercise. In the meantime, however, the Phase-1 of the FAME- India scheme has been extended for a further period of six months, i.e., upto 30th September 2017 or till approval of Phase-II, whichever is earlier. Further the benefits available to “Mild Hybrid” technology under the scheme stands excluded with effect from 1st April 2017.

Eligible Electric Vehicles and Plug-in Hybrid Electric Vehicles under the scheme need to draw electricity from the grid for powering them.
