

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

RAJYA SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 142
TO BE ANSWERED ON 08.03.2018

Manufacturing of electric vehicles

142. SHRI TIRUCHI SIVA:

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

- (a) whether Government has come up with any plan for manufacturing electric vehicles and if so, the details thereof; and
- (b) the manner in which Government is planning to fund the manufacturing of such vehicles and whether there is any plan to provide subsidies thereon?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b): A Statement is laid on the table of the House.

STATEMENT

Statement referred to in reply to parts (a) & (b) of Rajya Sabha Starred Question Number 142 for answer on 08/03/2018 asked by Shri Tiruchi Siva regarding 'Manufacturing of electric vehicles'.

(a) & (b): To support the hybrid/electric vehicles market development and its manufacturing ecosystem, the Government formulated a scheme namely FAME-India [Faster Adoption and Manufacturing of (Hybrid &) Electric Vehicles in India] in March 2015. Though the overall scheme was proposed to be implemented over a period of 6 years, yet the Government initially approved for implementation of Phase-1 of the scheme for a 2 year period commencing from 1st April 2015 till 31st March 2017 with an outlay of Rs. 795 crore. The scheme has 4 focus areas i.e. Technology Development, Demand Creation, Pilot Projects and charging Infrastructure.

In the existing scheme, there are no provisions for funding or providing subsidies for the manufacturing of electric vehicles. However, to make the hybrid/electric vehicles (xEVs) affordable, demand incentive is available for buyers of xEVs in the form of an upfront reduced purchase price to enable wider adoption.

Further, to enable acceptance/promotion of this new technology, specific projects under Pilot Projects, R&D/Technology Development and Public Charging Infrastructure were also funded under the scheme. This was aimed at developing an ecosystem around electric mobility.

The notification of this scheme provides that the scheme shall be reviewed appropriately with inputs from stakeholders and based on the outcome & experience gained in Phase-1, for implementation beyond Phase-1 with appropriate allocation of funds in the future.

The Phase-1 of the scheme has, however, been extended for a further period of one year i.e. up to 31st March 2018.

Accordingly, the Government has initiated the process for developing a strategy to scale up uptake of zero emission vehicles and ancillary technologies.
