

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES & PUBLIC ENTERPRISES  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 74**  
ANSWERED ON 18.11.2019

**SLUMP IN AUTOMOBILE INDUSTRY**

74. SHRI A. VIJAYAKUMAR:

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

- (a) whether Government is aware that there is a slump in automobile industry in the country in recent years;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether many car manufacturing units have been closed and there is a reduction in production in Tamil Nadu: and
- (d) if so, the measures taken to improve the automobile sector?

**ANSWER**

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

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- (a) & (b): There are cyclical slowdowns in many economies. **11.7 million** vehicles (all categories) were sold in this year as against **14.1 million** vehicles during April – September of 2018. But the festival demand has shown year on year growth @ 0.3% in the Passenger Vehicle Segment.
- (c): No specific information in this regard is available for the state of Tamil Nadu.
- (d): The Government, as a policymaker, always attempts to keep and improve momentum of the economy through a package of measure for comprehensive and continued development of the industry as and when required.

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