

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
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BHARAT NEW CAR ASSESSMENT PROGRAMME

**3090. SHRI PALLAB LOCHAN DAS:
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Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

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be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that introduction of proposed Bharat New Car Assessment Programme would help export of domestic vehicles in the international markets;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and**
- (c) the likely advantages of the proposed programme?**

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

(SHRI NITIN JAIRAM GADKARI)

(a) and (b) The Ministry of Road Transport and Highways has issued draft G.S.R. 472(E) dated 24th June 2022, whereby it has been proposed to insert a new rule 126E in CMVR (Central Motor Vehicles Rules), 1989 regarding the Bharat New Car Assessment Program (BNCAP). It is applicable on Type Approved motor vehicles of category M1 [motor vehicles used for the carriage of passengers, comprising not more than eight seats, in addition to driver's seat] with gross vehicle weight less than 3.5 Tonnes, manufactured or imported in the country, in accordance with the Automotive Industry Standard (AIS)-197.

The standard is aligned with global benchmarks. The said regulation will enable domestic manufacturers to meet global technical standards, which shall pave the way for export of domestic vehicles in the international markets.

(c) Bharat NCAP rating provides star rating to motor vehicles, which will enable consumers to evaluate the level of protection offered to occupants in motor vehicles in the fields of (i) Adult Occupant Protection (AOP) (ii) Child Occupant Protection (COP) and (iii) Safety Assist Technologies (SAT). The vehicle shall be assigned a star rating from one to five stars, based on scoring against various tests undertaken as per AIS 197.

It introduces the concept of safety rating of passenger cars and empowers consumers to take informed decisions. It will increase the domestic customer's confidence in these vehicles. Additionally the program will encourage manufacturers to provide advanced safety technologies to earn higher ratings.
