

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES  
LOK SABHA**

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MANUFACTURING OF HYBRID AND ELECTRIC CARS

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

(a) whether the Government proposes to introduce new policies and provide incentives to promote manufacturing of hybrid and electric cars in the country; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (SHRI ARUN YADAV)

(a) and (b): yes, Madam. In view of the fast depletion of fossil fuels, need to reduce pollution and CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from vehicles for reducing the adverse impact on the environment, there is a need to promote manufacturing of hybrid and electric cars in the country. The excise duty on hybrid vehicles and on electric vehicles has already been reduced by the Government. Currently, the excise duty of electric vehicle is 'Nil'. In addition, the National manufacturing Competitiveness Council (NMCC) has taken initiative for promotion of manufacturing of electric vehicles in the country, by holding discussion with all stakeholders.