

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

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

- (a) whether the public sector as well as private sector car manufacturing companies have stopped or reduced production of vehicles for physically challenged persons;
- (b) if so, the plan of the Government for supplying the said vehicles; and
- (c) the number of said vehicles manufactured by the said companies in public Sector as well as private sector during 2007-08, 2008-09, and 2009-10?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (c): The Association of Automobile Manufacturers, (SIAM) has informed that no OEM in India is producing such cars as specifications required to meet the needs of various kinds of disabilities differ considerably and no single model can meet the requirements. Moreover, since the demand for such vehicles is low, making them available "off the shelf" is not economically viable. However, most OEMs are providing option of automatic transmission which addresses needs of some physically challenged persons. As regards public sector companies, it may be mentioned that subsequent to the disinvestment of Maruti Udyog Ltd. (MUL), there are no car manufacturing companies in the Public Sector.

The Government has been advising the car manufacturers to consider manufacturing at least one or two models of their cars suitable to be driven by the physically challenged persons. The Government of India is also providing excise duty concession on vehicles meant for physically challenged people.