

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

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

- (a) whether the proposed rating of vehicles on the basis of mileage is opposed by auto industry;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether any consultations have been held with auto industry in this respect;
- (d) if so, the outcome thereof;
- (e) whether the Bureau of Energy Efficiency will work as nodal agency over the matter; and
- (f) if so, the benefits likely to be accrued to the customers?

Answer

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

- (a) & (b): No, Madam. The society of Indian Automobile Manufacture (SIAM) has already announced a comparative rating system of fuel efficiency of vehicles, within a certain weight range, based on kilometers per litre.
- (c) & (d): Yes, Madam. As informed by Ministry of Power, the matter has been discussed in the meetings of Steering and Technical committees on automobile fuel efficiency constituted by Bureau of Energy Efficiency, where the representatives from the automobile industry were also present.
- (e) & (f): As informed by Ministry of Road Transport & Highways (MoRTH), the notification of the standards will be made under the Energy Conservation Act by the Ministry of Power/Bureau of Energy Efficiency, in Consultation with the Ministry of Road Transport & Highways. However, enforcement/implementation of the standards will rest with Ministry of Road Transport & Highways. As per BEE, the fuel efficiency standards is expected to result in energy saving of equivalent to approx 15 million tones of oil by 2015.