

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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DEVELOPING LOW CARBON TRANSPORT SYSTEM
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Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether India is the world's fourth largest green house gas emitter proposes to launch a new United Nations backed project to reduce emissions and develop a low carbon transport system;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether privately owned vehicles in the country are increasing at a rapid rate;and
- (d) if so, the manner in which the Government proposes to reduce transport emissions and develop a low carbon transport system in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI MAHADEO SINGH KHANDELA)

- (a) & (b) The Planning Commission has set up an Expert Group on Strategy for a Low Carbon Economy under the chairmanship of Dr. Kirit Parikh to outline an action plan comprising low carbon initiatives to be undertaken including sector-specific initiatives. This is a voluntary initiative and not a UN backed project.
- (c) Over the years, number of registered vehicles including privately owned vehicles in the country are increasing continuously.
- (d) In order to reduce pollution from motor vehicles, Mass Emission Norms for new vehicles as well as "Pollution Under Control" (PUC) norms for in-use vehicles are tightened from time to time. Besides, alternate fuels like CNG, LPG etc. are also allowed for use in motor vehicles.