

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

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PROMOTION OF SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT
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Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government proposes to set up a specialized body for promoting sustainable development of the Indian auto sector;
- (b) the salient features of such a body; and
- (c) the time by which the said body is likely to be set up?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)

- (a): The Union Government proposes to set up National Automotive Board (NAB), under the Department of Heavy Industry (DHI), as an autonomous society comprising of technical & domain experts to take up and synergize the ongoing and new initiatives of the Government for the growth of the automotive sector.
- (b): The key functions envisaged to be performed by NAB are:-
 - (i) Administer, regulate and synergize the functioning of the testing centers.
 - (ii) Issue of testing & homologation certificates based on test reports submitted to NAB by the testing centers.
 - (iii) Facilitate collaborative R&D activities.
 - (iv) Function as a repository of technical data, domain knowledge and expertise for providing advice and technical inputs for auto policy related issues.
- (c): NAB needs to be in position before the NATRiP centres are commissioned and NATRiP Implementation Society (NATIS) is wound up.