

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:6716  
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VEHICLES FOR HANDICAPPED  
Das Shri Ram Sundar;Karwariya Shri Kapil Muni

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

- (a) whether the public and private sector vehicle manufacturers have stopped the production of the vehicles meant for physically handicapped persons;
- (b) if so, the proposed plan of the Government for the supply of the said vehicles; and
- (c) the number of said vehicles manufactured by the said companies in the public and the private sector during the last three years and the current year?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)

(a) & (b): Yes Madam. The Society of Indian Automobile Manufacturers (SIAM) has informed that the Indian manufacturers who were earlier providing vehicles for physically challenged persons had to discontinue the same since the demand for such vehicles is rare and sporadic and since making available such vehicles "off the shelf" is not economically viable. However, SIAM has also informed that the Indian Automobile industry is committed to ensure equal mobility for all people including physically challenged persons. Most of the passenger cars offer automatic transmission models which can address the need of certain types of disability. It may be mentioned that subsequent to the disinvestment of Maruti Udyog Ltd. (MUL), there is no car manufacturing company in the Public Sector.

(c): As per information furnished by SIAM, data for such automatic transmission vehicles, which may be used by all persons including physically challenged persons, is not maintained separately.