

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4552  
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USE OF ECO FRIENDLY CARS  
Karunakaran Shri P.

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

- (a) whether the Government is considering to promote use of eco-friendly cars and help car makers introduce more such vehicles in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) Whether the Government is considering to reduce import duty on hybrid vehicles; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof including any recommendations made in this behalf?

**Answer**

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

- (a) & (b): Yes Madam. The Government is looking at promoting and developing eco-friendly vehicles in the country. In this direction, the Government has reduced excise duty on electric vehicles and hybrid vehicles. Currently the excise duty on hybrid vehicles is 8% and the excise duty on electric vehicles is nil.
- (c) & (d): At present, no proposal for reduction in import duty on hybrid vehicles is under consideration of the government.