GOVERNMENT OF INDIA HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5602 ANSWERED ON:28.04.2015 MANUFACTURING HYBRID ELECTRIC VEHICLES Chavan Shri Harishchandra Deoram

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

- (a) whether any priority is accorded by the Government in the manufacture of Hybrid/Electric Vehicles in the country and if so, the details thereof:
- (b) whether the Government has issued any directives to the Society of Indian Automobile Manufacturers (SIAM) to expedite the initiative;
- (c) if SO, the details thereof and the reaction of SIAM thereto;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to set up any body in order to speed up the project for reducing the carbon emission in a time bound manner and if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the Government proposes to implement the project under Make in India initiative and undertake any R&D in connection with this project; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (SHRI G.M. SIDDESHWARA)

- (a): Yes, Madam. Department of Heavy Industry has formulated a scheme namely FAME-India [Faster Adoption and Manufacturing of (Hybrid &) Electric Vehicles in India]. The overall scheme is proposed to be implemented over a period of 6 years, till 2020, The phase I of the scheme shall be implemented over a 2 year period commencing from 01.04.2015. The scheme shall have four focus areas, i.e., Technology Development, Demand Creation, Pilot Projects and Charging Infrastructure.
- (b) & (c): No, Madam. Does not arise.
- (d): Yes, Madam. National Automotive Board has been set to be the nodal agency to implement the scheme namely FAME-India. State Governments may also identify a Suitable nodal agency for execution of this scheme.
- (e) & (f): The scheme FAME India is strongly aligned with `Make in India` initiative. The demand incentives (financial assistance j under the scheme are only available to the hybrid and electric vehicles that are manufactured in India. Under the Technology Development, the scheme will implement demand driven R&D to achieve desirable target specification for which the efforts would be to synergize Government-Industry-Academia cooperation to maximize objectives of increasing domestic capabilities of product and technology development and commercialization aimed at making the xEV market self sustainable.