

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

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Promotion of Hybrid/Electric Vehicles

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

- (a) whether the Government has issued any directive/instruction to various States to encourage the use of hybrid/electric vehicles in the country, if so, the details thereof and the response of each of the State including Tamil Nadu;
- (b) whether the Government has asked the State Governments to submit pilot projects by converging various existing schemes with Faster Adoption and Manufacturing of Hybrid and Electric Vehicles mission in India (FAME) and if so, the response of the State Governments thereon;
- (c) whether some State Governments especially Maharashtra has extended nil road tax and concessional VAT for electric/ hybrid vehicles to help in promotion of electric/hybrid vehicles;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the other steps taken/being taken by the Government to persuade the other States to take measures to promote electric/ hybrid vehicles in the country?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. Government has requested the state governments for creating an enabling environment to encourage use of electric vehicles within their respective states. States are also being motivated for submitting pilot projects under FAME India scheme. Several states including Maharashtra, Karnataka etc. have submitted pilot projects.

(c) & (d): Yes, Madam. Some states including Maharashtra have extended concessional road Tax and VAT on electric vehicles. Government is pursuing with all the state Governments to extend concessional Road Tax and VAT on electric vehicles.

(e): Government has conducted a National Workshop on 8th April, 2015, where in state government representatives also attended. In this workshop, states were encouraged to take measures to promote electric/hybrid vehicles in the country by way of (i) creating an enabling environment, (ii) by creating charging infrastructure, (iii) by submitting pilot projects especially for public transport, (iv) by providing concession in Road Tax and VAT, (v) by making provisions for charging infrastructure in planning Permission and Building by-laws.
