Performance of FAME India scheme

1573. SHRINARESH GUJRAL: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGH-WAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of electric vehicles sold since the launch of Faster Adoption of Electric (and Hybrid) Vehicles in India (FAME India) Scheme in 2015 till the end of phase-1 of the scheme in March 2017;
- (b) whether Government maintains a State-wise performance data of the scheme, if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the number of electric vehicles purchased by Government during the years 2014-17 under the scheme?

THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI NITIN JAIRAM GADKARI): (a) to (c) As per the information provided by Department of Heavy Industry (DHI), since Automobile Sector is a liberalized Sector, the Department of Heavy Industry is not required to maintain the data related to sale of vehicles including Electrical vehicles. However, since inception of the Phase-I of FAME-India Scheme, about 2.8 lakh hybrid and electric vehicles (xEVs) have been supported through Demand Incentives. As pilot project, about 425 electric/hybrid buses were sanctioned to various States (city transport undertaking) supported by Department of Heavy Industry (DHI) under FAME-India Scheme (Faster Adoption of Electric (and Hybrid) Vehicles in India).

Status of road projects by NHAI

1574. SHRI RAVI PRAKASH VERMA: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) is facing acute shortage of funds for ongoing/new road projects;
 - (b) if so, the details thereof and reasons therefor;
- (c) whether Prime Minister Office (PMO) has given any written advice to NHAI/ Ministry as regards construction of new roads; and
 - (d) if so, the details thereof and reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI NITIN JAIRAM GADKARI): (a) to (d) The National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) utilizes funds