

**Scheme for heavy electric cargo vehicle under fame**

†859. SHRI ARUN SINGH: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any scheme for heavy electric cargo vehicles like truck, etc. under the Faster Adoption and Manufacturing of (Hybrid &) Electric Vehicles in India (FAME) scheme; and

(b) if so, whether any study has been undertaken regarding its electronic viability as this step can bring a revolutionary change, as a decrease in transport cost of product will reduce the production cost and products will be famous for use of ecofriendly techniques?

THE MINISTER OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (SHRI PRAKASH JAVADEKAR): (a) and (b) No, Sir. Under Faster Adoption and Manufacturing of (Hybrid &) and Electric Vehicles (FAME) in India scheme Phase-II, Electric Heavy Commercial Vehicles used for cargo has not been covered. However, Electric Light Commercial vehicles of N 1 Category which are used for the carriage of goods and having a maximum mass not exceeding 3.5 tonnes are covered under the Scheme.

**Decline in sale of cars and bikes**

860. SHRI VAIKO: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been a sharp decline in sales of cars and bikes in the last twenty years;

(b) if so, the details of the percentage of decline;

(c) whether it will pull down many upstream and downstream industries and services including parts and components, steel, tyre and retailing, among others;

(d) whether Government has in-depth examined downturn of automobiles industry or constituted any committee to examine the whole issue and to find a solution;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the details of measures taken to revitalize and boost the automobile industry and to protect the employees?

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THE MINISTER OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (SHRI PRAKASH JAVADEKAR): (a) to (c) No such decline has been reported since the last twenty years. However, there are cyclical slowdowns in automotive sector since last few months. 17.1 million vehicles (all categories) were sold during April - December, 2019 as against 20.3 million vehicles sold during the same period in 2018.

(d) to (f) Though no specific committee has been constituted, the Government, as a policymaker, always attempts to keep and improve momentum of economy through a package of measure for comprehensive and continued development of the auto sector as and when required. Some of the steps taken by the Government to counter automotive slowdown can be summarized as under:

- Reduction in Corporate Tax to 22%
- Continuation of registration of ICE and EV in future
- Scrappage policy under consideration
- Proposed increase in registration of new cars deferred till June 2020
- Funds worth ₹ 70,000 crores released to PSU banks
- Linking of repo rate to interest charged for vehicle purchased

#### **CPSEs under the Ministry**

861. SHRI M.P. VEERENDRA KUMAR: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Central Public Sector Enterprises (CPSEs) functioning under the Department of Heavy Industries (DHI) till date;

(b) the details of the number of CPSEs disinvested/proposed to be disinvested, closed during the last five years, year and CPSE-wise; and

(c) the reasons behind the closure and disinvestment of such CPSEs?

THE MINISTER OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (SHRI PRAKASH JAVADEKAR): (a) and (b) There are 31 Central Public Sector Enterprises (CPSEs) under the administrative control of Department of Heavy Industry (DHI). The list of 31 CPSEs along with the status of disinvestment and closure during the last five years is given in Statement (*See below*).