

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-2163
ANSWERED ON- 19/03/2025

IMPLEMENTATION OF BHARAT NCAP FOR VEHICLE SAFETY

2163. SHRI SANJEEV ARORA:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Bharat New Car Assessment Programme (NCAP) has led to an increase in the manufacturing of safer vehicles in the country;
- (b) the number of vehicles that have achieved 4-star and 5 star safety ratings under Bharat NCAP, if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether car manufacturers are required to disclose crash test results publicly; and
- (d) whether Government is considering tax incentives for consumers purchasing 5-star safety-rated vehicles, if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
(SHRI NITIN JAIRAM GADKARI)

(a)&(b) The Government in the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways has notified the Bharat New Car Assessment Program (BNCAP) vide S.O 698(E), dated 27th September, 2023 to evaluate the crash safety performance in terms of star rating for M1 category (Category M1” means a motor vehicle used for carriage of passengers, comprising not more than eight seats in addition to the driver's seat) vehicles with Gross Vehicle Weight (GVW) less than or equal to 3500 kg. This is a voluntary programme. BNCAP rating will provide consumers an indication of the level of protection offered to the occupant/s by evaluating the vehicle in the areas of Adult Occupant Protection (AOP), Child Occupant Protection(COP) and Safety Assist Technologies (SAT) based on requirements prescribed in Automotive Industry Standard (AIS)-197.

As of March 17, 2025, under the Bharat NCAP Programme, a total of 14 vehicle models from various vehicle original equipment manufacturers (OEMs) have been awarded a star safety rating. The details of the star rating are as below:

- i) No of vehicle models awarded with 5 star rating for Adult Occupants Protection (AOP)/ Child Occupant Protection (COP) =13.
 - ii) No of vehicle models awarded with 4 star rating for Adult Occupants Protection (AOP)/ Child Occupant Protection (COP) =1
- (c) The details of the star safety rating awarded to the vehicle models are published on the official website of Bharat NCAP.
- (d) No such proposal is under consideration.
