

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA**

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PROMOTION OF BATTERY OPERATED CARS
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any test drive of battery operated car has been carried out;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) if so, whether his Ministry proposes to take up the work based on this scientific research on a large scale so as to get rid of the adverse impact of things like petrol and diesel on the environment?
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefore?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIAN MEENA)

(a)&(b) All vehicles are tested as per the procedure laid down under Central Motor Vehicles Rules (CMVR). For electric vehicles as well, standards have been formulated and procedure laid down under CMVR. The Automotive Research Association of India (ARAI), Pune has given type approval for a few electric vehicles.

(c) to (e) The Government has evolved a scheme for providing subsidies for battery operated vehicles and is providing financial assistance for Research and Development (R&D) in the areas of manufacturing of high power batteries to enhance the range of vehicles, hybrid vehicles and for component development of battery-operated vehicles.