

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

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SETTING UP OF AUTOMOBILE TESTING FACILITY
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Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is any long pending demand for setting up of an `Automobile Testing Facility` in Tamil Nadu;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Central Team had visited the State and held discussions with the State Government for setting up of the same;
- (d) if so, the outcome thereof; and
- (e) the time by which the project is likely to be set up?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES AND MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV)

(a) to (e): In response to the request for setting up of an `Automobile Testing Facility` in Tamil Nadu, a joint Government-Industry team visited Tamil Nadu in November 2004. Based on the recommendations of the team, Government has approved setting up of an Automotive Testing and Homologation Centre at Oragadam, Chennai in Tamil Nadu to meet the emerging testing and homologation demands including the developmental testing requirements of automotive industry in southern region. The facility will be set up over a period of six years under the National Automotive Testing and R&D Infrastructure Project.