

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

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INVESTMENT IN AUTOMOBILE SECTOR .
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Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether there is any proposal to invest more than Rs.1500 crores in the automobile sector for upgradation/testing facilities;
- (b) If so, the details thereof; and
- (c) The places where testing facilities are proposed to be set up particularly Karnataka and the time-frame within which these would be operational?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (SMT. KANTI SINGH)

- (a) The Government has approved the National Automotive Testing and R&D Infrastructure Project (NATRIP) in July, 2005 to create world class infrastructure for testing, homologation and certification in the country with an estimated cost of Rs.1718 crore.
- (b) & (c): Under the NATRIP, Testing, Certification and Homologation facilities will be created at Manesar (Haryana), Pune and Ahmed Nagar (Maharashtra) and Chennai (Tamil Nadu). A specialized Hill Area Driving & Training Centre at Silchar (Assam) and Off Road Vehicle Testing Facility at Rae Bareilly (Uttar Pradesh) are also being set up under the project, alongside Proving Grounds facilities at Indore (Madhya Pradesh). The project is to be completed by 2011. There is no proposal to set up testing facility under NATRIP in Karnataka.