

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1517
ANSWERED ON 01.08.2025

PLAN TO EXTEND PM E-DRIVE

1517. SHRI NARAYANASA K. BHANDAGE:

Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has plan to extend the PM E-DRIVE public transport to semi urban city centres with population of around 80,000 to 1 Lakh;

(b) whether Ministry has plans for expanding the electric public transport network under PME-DRIVE at historical places as identified by UNESCO in Badami, Pattadakal, Aihole and Kudal sangam of Bagalkot district, Karnataka for ease of tourists as per request submitted by stakeholders;

(c) whether there is a roadmap for installing public charging stations across national highways and metro cities; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR HEAVY INDUSTRIES
(SHRI BHUPATHIRAJU SRINIVASA VARMA)

(a) & (b): No such proposal is under consideration.

(c) & (d): The Government has facilitated the installation of public charging stations by private entrepreneurs through guidelines issued by the Ministry of Power, vide letter No. 12/2/2018-EV dated 17.09.2024. Further, an allocation of Rs.2,000 crore has been made under the PM E-DRIVE Scheme for setting up of adequate charging infrastructure for various categories of vehicles on pan India basis in consultation with Central Ministries/ Authorities, State Governments, Central Public Sector Enterprises (CPSEs), etc. In addition to setting up EV charging infrastructure within city limits, the Scheme also envisages selected inter-city/ inter-state highways to be made EV ready.
