

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES  
**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2707**  
ANSWERED ON 16.12.2025

**DIVERSIFICATION ACTIVITIES AND REVIVAL OF ELECTRIC BUS  
MANUFACTURING AT BHEL TRICHY**

**2707. SHRI DURAI VAIKO:**

**Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government is aware that with the existing machinery & infrastructure, BHEL Trichy is capable of diversifying into alternative production streams in addition to conventional boiler & power sector components;
- (b) if so, the details of alternative production works & projects currently being undertaken at BHEL Trichy to ensure optimal utilisation of available infrastructure & workforce;
- (c) whether the Government had initiated or supported the production of electric buses & related components at BHEL Trichy in coordination with BHEL's other units;
- (d) if so, the present status of electric bus production and the reasons why such manufacturing activities have not been continued or scaled up, despite the increasing national focus on electric mobility & green transport; and
- (e) whether the Government proposes to revive or expand electric vehicle and battery manufacturing activities in BHEL Trichy as part of the Make in India & Electric Mobility Mission and if so, the details thereof?

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

**(a) & (b):** In order to optimally utilize the facilities and workforce available, BHEL Trichy has diversified its business into other areas such as Oil & Gas, Defence etc. In addition to manufacturing boilers, BHEL Trichy manufactures strategic equipment, including thermo-pressed plates for battle tanks and other defence-related components, and oil-field equipment for ONGC.

**(c) & (d):** No. However, BHEL Trichy under its own initiative took up project to manufacture 12 Metre E - Buses in the year 2018. The same was discontinued as BHEL's business model is primarily focused on product manufacturing/Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM)/Project Execution which did not synergize with the service – oriented model of e-mobility.

**(e):** At present, no such proposal is under consideration of Ministry of Heavy Industries.

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