

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 742**  
ANSWERED ON 05.12.2025

**IMPACT OF REDUCING THE IMPORT DUTY ON ELECTRIC VEHICLES (EVs)  
ON TAMIL NADU**

**742. DR. KANIMOZHI NVN SOMU:**

Will the Minister of Heavy Industries be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has assessed the impact of reducing the import duty on electric vehicles (EVs) from 115 per cent to 15 per cent on Tamil Nadu, which is a major EV, component, and battery manufacturing hub;
- (b) whether representations have been received from the Tamil Nadu Government or EV manufacturers regarding risks to local production, employment, and investments;
- (c) the measures proposed to prevent market distortions, including dumping of low-cost imported EVs; and
- (d) whether Government plans localisation incentives or safeguard mechanisms to protect Tamil Nadu's EV and battery industry?

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

- (a):** No such assessment has been done by Ministry of Heavy Industries (MHI) for the state of Tamil Nadu.
- (b):** No such representation has been received by MHI.
- (c):** The import duties on EVs are 110% for CBU Passenger Vehicles having CIF value greater than USD 40,000 and 70% for CBU Passenger Vehicles having CIF value upto USD 40,000.
- (d):** Production Linked Incentive Scheme for Automobile & Auto Components (notified on 23.09.2021) and PM Electric Drive Revolution in Innovative Vehicle Enhancement (PM E-DRIVE) scheme (notified on 29.09.2024) of MHI are promoting localization of Electric Vehicles (EV) value chain.

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