

India's bold target for sale of 'Only Electric Cars' by 2030; no more petrol-diesel cars!



Would you believe if I told you that after 2030, you will not be able to buy (or probably even drive) petrol and diesel cars on Indian roads? Well that is what the Power Minister of India, Piyush Goyal plans to implement in the country. India plans to have all-electric cars on Indian roads by 2030 with an ambitious objective of lowering the fuel import bill, running cost of vehicles and eco-friendly transportation.

Few countries have already adopted the e-rides but India is planning to go huge by abolishing the sales of petrol and diesel cars in upcoming decade or so. In Goyal's addressal at CII Annual Session 2017, he said, "We are going to introduce electric vehicles in a very big way. We are going to make electric vehicles self- sufficient like UJALA. The idea is that by 2030, not a single petrol or diesel car should be sold in the country". Goyal suggested that the government can handhold the electric car industry for 2-3 years initially while it stabilises and people would understand and consider the cost-effectiveness of electric cars.

Although seems like this is not about the climate change nor the desire of doing something about it, it looks purely devoted to economics and how it is 'cost effective' and how it can lower the 'bills'. But it will still indirectly be eco-friendly and not just economy-friendly because we can depend on renewable energy and power resources like wind, solar, water and even nuclear energy. And don't fret and frown that you will have to dump-trash your current vehicles; no, no. They just won't be available for sale after 2030 (probably) but you will still be allowed to drive your existing vehicles. It will be a partial diktat, don't worry!

The electric cars are also smoke-emission free! Yay! There could be no bigger gift for our atmosphere than smokeless drives. Imagine if there is no or considerably low smoke caused because of the humongous number of vehicles running all day and all night round, throughout the country! That would reduce all the CO2 levels which are wounding the atmosphere, the ozone layer, the rain and basically 'every natural' phenomenon that are meant to sustain lives on Earth.

Implementing electric car sales on such a large scale will not be really easy and will cost a lot of fortune and efforts, but it probably is worth the result. There is no cost of being able to breath fresh air or combat the major environment problems; and 'secondarily' the perks of travel and transportation being light on your pockets. So should we be expecting those EV Fords, Renaults or Peugeot? Or even BMW EVs? Or the Tesla cars which are all electric with unique battery systems and cutting-edge technology! Having Elon Musk's cars in India would be phenomenal!