

**HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES  
DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 3654  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 16.07.2019**

**Sluggish Rate of Automobile Sales**

3654. SHRI RAVNEET SINGH BITTU:

Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware of the sluggish rate of automobile sales during the last two quarters; and  
(b) if so, the details thereof along with the response of the Government to accelerate automobile manufacturing sales?

**ANSWER**

**THE MINISTER OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES & PUBLIC ENTERPRISES  
(SHRI ARVIND GANPAT SAWANT)**

(a) & (b): Yes sir, the Government is aware that the auto sector which has been growing at approximately 7-8% per annum has witnessed a sluggish rate of sales in the last two quarters. During period from January 2018-June 2018, **13.39 million** vehicles (all categories) were sold and during period from January 2019-June 2019 **12.04 million** vehicles were sold. Hence a net decline of **10.08%** was registered in the rate of automobile sale in the last two quarters.

The Government, as a policymaker, always attempts to kickstart the sluggish economy through a package of measures for comprehensive and continued development of the auto sector as and when required.

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