1. For how long the incentives for the electric and hybrid vehicles of the FAME scheme are applicable?

The Union cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has approved the proposal for implementation of scheme titled 'Faster Adoption and Manufacturing of Electric Vehicles in India Phase II (FAME India Phase II)' for promotion of Electric Mobility in the country from 2019-20 to 2021-2022. For more information, click here.

2. What is the Faster Adoption and Manufacturing of hybrid and Electric vehicles (FAME) scheme?

The FAME scheme introduced in April 2012 is to be implemented over a period of 6 years till 2020 to support hybrid/electric vehicles market development and its manufacturing. Under this scheme, demand incentives will be availed by buyers (end users/consumers) upfront at the point of purchase and the same shall be reimbursed by the manufacturers from Department of Heavy Industries, on a monthly basis.

3. How do citizen avail the demand incentive on the purchase of a xEV?

The demand incentive benefit will be passed on to the consumer upfront at the time of purchase of the xEV itself by way of paying reduced price. For more information, please visit the following link.

4. Is the FAME incentive applicable throughout the country?

Presently scheme is applicable in selected areas like as notified separately broadly covering following cities: a) Cities under ‘Smart Cities’ initiatives. b) Major metro agglomerations – Delhi NCR, Greater Mumbai, Kolkata, Chennai, Bengaluru, Hyderabad, Ahmedabad. c) All State Capitals and other Urban Agglomerations/Cities with 1 Million+ population (as per 2011 census) d) Cities of the North Eastern States. However, for 2 and 3 wheeler, scheme is applicable in entire country. Please visit the link for
more information.

5. Why FAME scheme is not applicable throughout the country?

Phase I of the scheme is a sort of pilot project just to see the reaction of people to the electric and hybrid vehicles. If this phase is successful, in next phase, scheme will be applicable throughout the country. For more information, please visit the following link.

6. Is the FAME incentive applicable along with any other incentives that may be available in my home state for electric vehicles?

The FAME incentive will be available over and above any State level EV incentives being offered by any State/Local bodies. However for JNNRUM (AMRIT) funded buses, there is a specific incentive amount declared in the Scheme Guidelines. Please visit the link for more information.

7. Will the FAME incentive be applicable on self-capitalized vehicles for own use or for employee use/lease/CTC vehicles by the OEM?

Yes, the demand incentive will be available for all types and self-capitalized vehicles as well. Please visit the link for more information.

8. Will the FAME incentive be applicable to fleet operators who wish to purchase xEVs for commercial applications (e.g. for use as a taxi)?

Yes, the demand incentive will be applicable for fleet operators for commercial applications as well. Please visit the link for more information.

9. Will the FAME incentive be applicable for billings done directly by an OEM to a customer i.e. a sale that is not routed through an authorized dealer of the OEM?

Yes, the OEM can bill the vehicle and customer may avail the demand incentive. Please visit the link for more information.

10. Is the FAME incentive available to corporate and other organizations or only to
individuals?

Yes, the incentive will be available to corporate and organizations. Please visit the link for more information.

11. Is the FAME incentive applicable for multiple xEV purchases by a customer? Or is it possible to get subsidy for bulk orders on a single person’s name or on single company’s names?

Yes, an individual may buy multiple xEVs and avail the demand incentive applicable for each of them. Please visit the link for more information.

12. It is said that Electric Vehicles (EV) are also called as Emission Elsewhere Vehicle (EEV). Is it true that EVs are just transferring emission from city area to the place where power is being generated?

The fact is that a typical conventional hatchback has 130-140 gm/km of CO2 emission comparing to an electric vehicle for 100 gm/km when charged by grid and when solar charged, there is ~0 gm/km CO2 emission from an electric vehicle. Please visit the link for more information.

13. Is it necessary to sold sell old gasoline based vehicles to get subsidy under FAME India Scheme?

No, there is no such condition in the present guidelines. For more information, please visit the following link.

14. Are Electric and Hybrid Vehicles available in the market are safe to drive?

Demand incentive under FAME India scheme is available only to vehicles that are regulated by the Central Motor Vehicle Rules (CMVR) and meet other qualifying criteria laid out in the FAME scheme. As such these vehicles meet all the safety regulations as applicable in the country. For more information, please visit the following link.

15. Which electric vehicles categories are not covered under this FAME scheme?
The following categories are not covered under the FAME scheme: a) E-Rikshaw b) Electric Bicycles. c) Vehicles used for carrying person/goods used within closed premises like factory, airport etc. d) Electric Chair-car. All those vehicles, which are not directly reducing fossil fuel, are not covered under FAME India Scheme. For more information, please visit the following link.

16. Since the subsidy is only on a reimbursement basis, can we claim the amount from DHI and then pass it to customers?

No, as per scheme guidelines, incentive will be on reimbursement basis only after submission of claim. This claim required to be submitted only after sale of vehicles. For more information, please visit the following link.

17. Which are the major industry associations for automobile and auto-components sector?

Some of the key concerned industry associations for automobiles and components are: Society of Indian Automobile Manufacturers (SIAM) Automotive Component Manufacturers Association (ACMA) The Automotive Research Association of India (ARAI) For more information, click here

18. Which is the apex body dealing with automotive sector related matters?

National Automotive Board is the apex body dealing with automotive sector. For more information, click here

19. Which are the concerned government divisions/services for auto and auto-parts?

The Department of Heavy Industries, Government of India, deals with areas related to vehicles and automotive parts. Entire Automotive industry falls under the concern of Heavy Industries Department. For more information, click here.