

November 16, 2016

To,

Justice Swatanter Kumar Chairman, NGT Faridkot House, Copernicus Marg, New Delhi-110001

<u>Subject:</u> To combat rising air pollution in Delhi, SMEV appeals for 100% electrification of commercial two wheelers

Sir,

At the onset, we appreciate and thank you for your attention and sustained efforts towards containing the emission of pollution from commercial vehicles. Here, two-wheelers alone constitute 33% of total pollutants as per IIT Kanpur study on Pollution.

On account of the worsening air quality in NCR- threatening environment and health, Society of Manufacturers of Electric Vehicles (SMEV) requests NGT for bringing immediate and stringent regulations for converting commercial two wheelers- essentially plying on petrol and CNG- for 100% electrification in Delhi, as a first step. Commercial two-wheelers are much more polluting than passenger vehicles due to improper maintenance and much higher frequency of use.

SMEV requests for the immediate steps for complete electrification of commercial two wheelers engaged in e- commerce and logistics business in the Capital. Delhi has about 56 lakh registered two-wheelers and constitutes the biggest contributors to the capital's vehicular pollution, claiming the share of 33% of pollutants alone. The worsening air pollution and quality of air in the recent days, urgently, need to explore alternative energy efficient modes of transportation, which Electric Vehicles (EVs) could provide.

Delhi has about 15000 plus restaurants, each having at least 8-10 delivery vehicles making at least 10 trips per day. This happens on a much bigger scale for all e-commerce and logistic businesses plus the non-formal sectors, which are engaged in various other services of delivery causing huge damage to the environment. Changing all of them to electric mode would go a long way in transforming the current level of pollution and cost cutting.

As per the Delhi Statistical handbook (2014), there is an average increase of 6 lakh two-wheelers per year since 2010, converting the roads into corridors of air pollution. Two-wheeler accounts



In the commercial sector, the immediate direction by NGT for making it compulsory to adopt EV two-wheelers by enabling provisions, will go a long way in mitigating air pollution and solving the mobility and transportation issues of the city.

We seek kind attention of the National Green Tribunal in this pressing matter for intervention.

Thank you and Warm regards,

For Society of Manufacturers of Electric Vehicles (SMEV);

Yours sincerely,

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