

Designing an optimum feebate structure for Light duty vehicles (<3500 Kg) in India)

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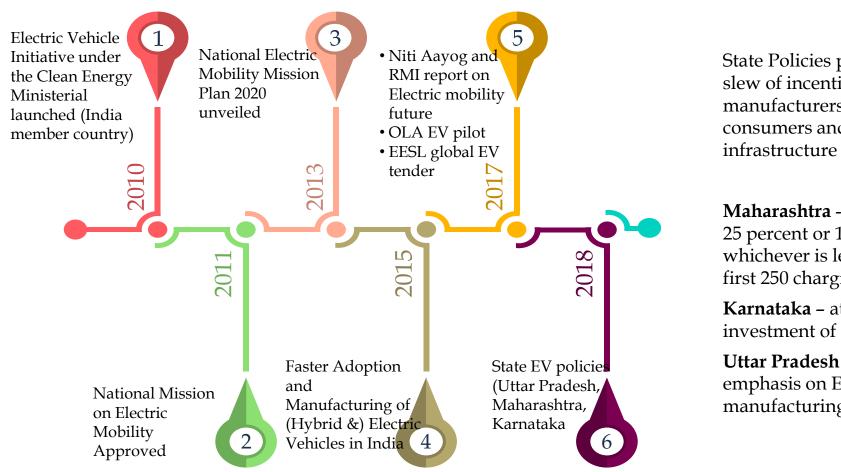
EVs - a new consumer on the grid



☐ Automotive industry on verge of disruption on four key technology driven trends
□ Electrification,
□ Shared mobility,
□ Connectivity, and,
□ Autonomous driving
☐ Stricter emission regulations, decreasing battery costs, political commitments for sustainable mobility will drive a strong momentum for the adoption of Evs
☐ India is committed to increasing share of EVs in the transportation fleet - NEMMP 2020
☐ EV would have several benefit for Indian Electricity grid
□ Source for additional demand
□ Better utilization of stranded assets
□ Effective integration of RE in the grid
□ Potential ancillary services

Indian electric vehicle landscape





State Policies providing slew of incentives to manufacturers, consumers and charging infrastructure developers

Maharashtra - subsidy of 25 percent or 10 lakh, whichever is less, on the first 250 charging stations

Karnataka – attract investment of 31000 crore

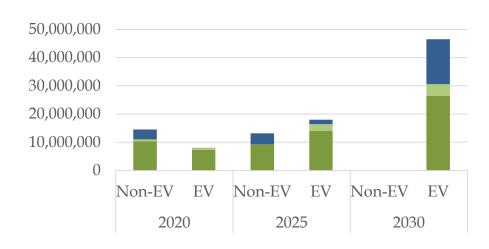
Uttar Pradesh (Draft) emphasis on EV manufacturing

EV Market is shaping up with firm policy support

Projected market size and potential

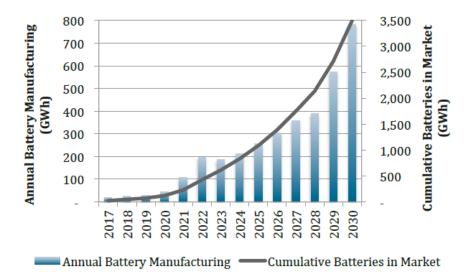


- □ EV market in India to be around 8Mn vehicles by 2020 and approximately 50Mn by 2030
- □ Overall EV market for storage in India is likely to be 4.7 GW in 2022 (IESA, Enicon research)
- □ Energy use is expected to be in range of 8 25 BU by 2020 (2.5% of current energy consumption), corresponding to 2000-5500 MW of power capacity.
- □ EV charging market is expected to be in range of INR 1,200 3,300 Crore
- □ Lithium ion Battery prices expected to come down from current average INR 19,500/kWh (2017-18), to INR 9,945/kWh8 by 2022-23.



■ Motorcycles and scooter ■ Autorickshaws ■ Cars and Jeeps Annual market sizes under a shared mobility paradigm

(Source: FICCI, RMI report)



Annual and cumulative battery requirements

(Source: Niti Aavog, RMI)

Regulatory Incentives for EVs



- ☐ Monetary and non-monetary incentives needed to drive EV demand and supply
 - □ Demand Incentives available under FAME India Scheme till Sep 2018. Extension?
 - ☐ Few States offer VAT and Road tax waivers
 - □ Lower electricity tariff for EVs. Long-term sustainability?

- □ Need for incentive structure that would operate across EV/ICE
- ☐ Incentives still insufficient to drive the demand and supply
- ☐ Taxing conventional high emission vehicle becomes important
- ☐ A carrot and stick model needed for achieving the ambitious targets
 - □ Feebate / Bonus malus system

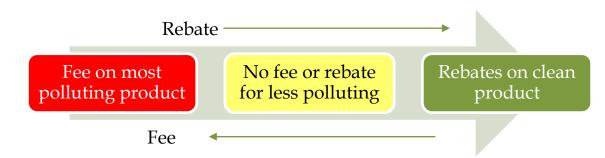


☐ India would need a Feebate system to drive adoption of EVs in future and meeting its electric mobility commitments

Feebate system



☐ Based on Polluter pays principle

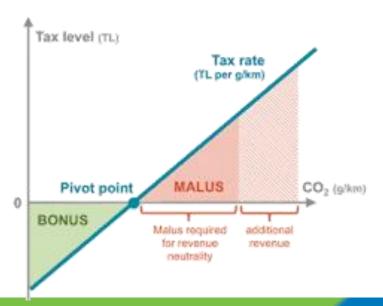


- □ Low- or zero-emission vehicles (ZEVs) benefit from lower operating and maintenance costs. Feebate can accelerate ZEVs to reach upfront cost parity with ICEs.
- ☐ Feebate
 - ☐ Self financing mechanism.
 - ☐ Different from typical tax as the fees can be entirely avoided by greener product choices.
 - ☐ Influences vehicle-buying decision of the consumer based on the upfront cost rather than the complex calculation of present value of future fuel savings.

Feebate Components and Characteristics



- ☐ Efficiency criterion for comparing vehicles (Eg gCO2/km)
- ☐ Benchmark point: To define which vehicles pay fees and which ones receive rebates.
- ☐ Functional form and rate parameter: To determine the magnitude of the fee or rebate for each incremental difference from the pivot point.
- ☐ Transaction Point and manner of transaction: Which defines the party that will levy fees and remit rebates at one or more specific point(s) in the vehicle transaction process.



- ☐ Feebate system is a longer-term manufacturer response
- ☐ The effectiveness is determined by the feebate rate
- ☐ Discontinuities and step functions reduce its effectiveness
- ☐ The pivot point has almost no impact on the effectiveness of the program.
- ☐ A feebate program is a "transfer", not a "tax"

Market based

Can be designed to be Revenue Neutral

Drives Continuous Improvement

Technology agnostic (gmCO₂/km)

Can reduce upfront purchase price

Offers control and flexibility

Significant capital investments in vehicle technology development

Complexity of the policy and its interaction with existing policies

Might favor particular types of automakers based on their primary product offerings

Can be misinterpreted or criticized as a new tax.

Challenges

☐ Factors that Work for India

- □ Commitment to electric mobility with little to no use of public funds
- □ Direct Benefit Transfer (Aadhar) for easy transactions
- □ Low rate of private vehicle ownership
- □ Price-sensitive consumers





	Type of system	Feebate metric	Attribute adjustment	Feebate function	Vehicle coverage	Estimated effectiveness
France	Feebate on purchase tax	gCO ₂ /km	None	(uneven) Step-based: 10 categories	60 to 250 g/km	5-6% reduction in emission factor
Netherlands	Feebate on purchase tax	Energy Label	None, but implicit attribute = Vehicle size	(uneven) Step-based: 7 categories	20% more fuel- efficient to 30% less fuel- efficient	0.2–1% reduction in emission factor new vehicles
Germany	Fee-only system on ownership tax	2 metrics: cc and gCO ₂ /km	Engine type: 2 categories (for the cc metric)	Linear fee function with zero-slope element	CO2-based metric: 120 g/km or more	1.1% reduction in emission factor new vehicles
Sweden	Fee-only system on ownership tax	gCO ₂ /km	Fuel type: 3 categories	Linear fee function with zero-slope element	117 g/km or more	0.3% reduction in emission factor new vehicles
Ireland	Fee-only on purchase and ownership tax	gCO ₂ /km	None	(uneven) Step-based: purchase fee 11 categories, ownership 12 categories	Purchase: 80– 225 g//km Ownership: 0- 225 g/km	Unknown. Switch to diesel cars

Successes - France & Norway



France

Policy

- •Step function with 9 levels
- Central "doughnut hole" having no taxes/rebates (45% of vehicles)

Outcome

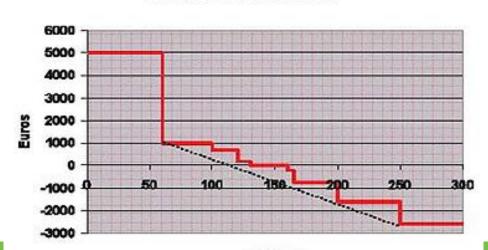
 Market shares for efficient models doubled and fell by 2/3rd for least efficient models



Shortcomings

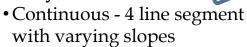
- Incomplete coverage and disproportionate incentives
- Step function

France's Feebate Schedule



Norway

Policy



• Taxes have higher slopes

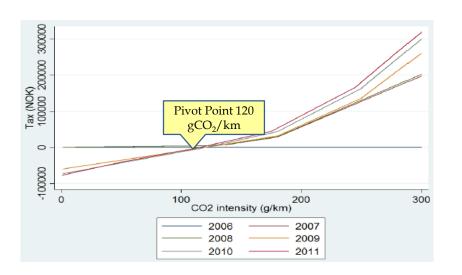
Outcome

Sales weighted average emissions of new vehicles reduced by 15% in 3 years



Shortcomings

- Tax and rebates do not connect.
- Net Revenue negative







Challenges	Private Sector Concern
Opposition from the automotive industry	Non-consideration of long product cycles and capital-intensive operations
Complexity of design and confluence with existing policies	Several independent policies create confusion and sub-optimal results Corporate Average Fuel Consumption BS VI by 2020 State level taxes Road tax and Registration Fees State EV policies
Design of pivot point and shape of the function and metric	Asymmetric policies for tax and rebates, non-linear function, low magnitude of incentives and taxes

Key takeaways for India



- ☐ Design continuous, linear, revenue neutral feebate structure
- □ Readjust pivot point, fees and rebates over time as vehicle efficiency improves to make the system self-funding.
- ☐ Efficiency criterion such as mileage would be more suitable as Evs would see high variability in emissions depending upon the generation mix

Thank You



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Failures - Ireland, Germany



Ireland

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Germany

Policy

 Tax-only program with a (uneven) step-based fee function

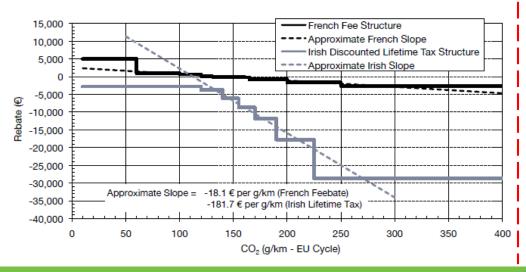
Outcome

• Share of diesel cars more than doubled; from 25 to 57% (Sales data 2010)



Shortcomings

• Tax only programme with no incentives for manufacturers to develop more efficient cars



Policy

• Revised registration taxes to include CO₂, different tax slabs for spark ignition and compression engines

Outcome

Median registrations decreased by approx. 9,500 vehicles

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Shortcomings

Due to a large difference in diesel and petrol fuel taxes higher affinity for diesel cars caused problem with policy introduction

