

Electric Vehicle City to charge up Uttar Pradesh's e-rickshaw manufacturing units



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LUCKNOW: In yet another addition to the list of industrial development projects in the state, the Yamuna Expressway Industrial Development Authority ([YEIDA](#)) has decided to provide 100 acre land to at least 50 e-rickshaw manufacturers.

YEIDA officials said the project, Electric Vehicle City (EVC), would be developed in Sector 28, hardly 4km from the upcoming Jewar Airport in Greater Noida. Officials have sought details of manufacturers and the size of the land that each manufacturer would require.

With the allotment of land to interested manufacturers, the units which are currently in Delhi, [Haryana](#) and Rajasthan will be shifted to one place. Manufacturers believe that once the units shift to UP, the facilities being provided in the state under the Electric Vehicle Policy would help in bringing down the cost of e-rickshaws.

The Electric Vehicle Manufacturers' Welfare Trust, which sought manufacturing units in [Uttar Pradesh](#), said the land allotment was likely to be completed within two months.

Talking to TOI, chairman of the Trust, Jai Bhagwan Goel, said since the [UP government](#) was providing better facilities as compared to other states, manufacturers were ready to shift their units to Uttar Pradesh.

"Manufacturing units are not in one place. While some are in Delhi, others are in Haryana and Rajasthan. Similarly, ancillaries associated with e-rickshaw manufacturing are located at different places," he said.

"If manufacturing units and ancillaries are at one place, the cost of e-rickshaws will come down. Maximum demand for e-rickshaws is also in UP. The project will help vendors get e-rickshaws at a reasonable price," Goel added.

Owners of ancillaries units will also be allotted land as per their requirement.

Talking to TOI, state industry minister Satish Mahana said a delegation of electric vehicle manufacturers had sought land to set up units. "The government is looking into other demands of the manufacturers. This is a turnaround in UP in the last five years that industrialists are coming to the state in search of land to set up units," Mahana said.

The trust has sought details of the price of the land to be allotted, if a gas line and common facility centre would be provided, how much time would be given to start production after land allotment, and exemption in power tariff.

"The list of manufacturers and land requirements will be handed over to YEIDA CEO Arun Veer Singh in a few days," Goel said.

Under the Electric Vehicle Policy, the UP government provides 50% rebate on interest against loan, which is borne by the state government. In addition to this, 5% subsidy is provided for research and development, complete waiver on electric duty for first 10 years, 90% rebate on State GST, government support on provident fund of 200 employees and 50% rebate on stamp duty, among others.