

'Advance by depts should include EVs'

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Secondly, the official added: "Government vehicles are procured through tenders on the GeM portal and EV companies are not registered on it. That is why provision has been made to allow for purchase of EVs from government agencies like Rajasthan Electronics Instrument Ltd and Energy Efficiency Services Ltd etc on the basis of nomination, without tender," he said.

In the directions issued by the CS, it has also been said that the advance given by departments to employees for purchase of vehicles, including four-wheelers and two-wheelers, should include EVs. Each department has been asked to issue necessary directions for this at the earliest.

The state government had notified the Uttar Pradesh Electric Vehicle Manufacturing and Mobility Policy 2022 on October 14, 2022. Under this, a 100% exemption from tax and registration fees has been provided for the first three years of the policy. The exemption will be valid for five years on the purchase of an EV manufactured in UP. The government is also offering a 15% subsidy on the factory price of an EV. In addition to this, the Centre is also giving discounts on EVs. With the central and state assistance, the cost of a two-wheeler EV will be down by Rs 20,000 while the cost of an electric car is likely to reduce by Rs 1 lakh.