

All govt vehicles will be replaced with EVs by 2030, says Yogi

Procure Without Tendering To Meet Target, Depts Told

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Lucknow: In a big boost to electric vehicles in Uttar Pradesh, **chief minister Yogi Adityanath** has said that all state government vehicles will be gradually replaced with EVs by 2030.



To meet this target, departments have been told that purchase of EVs can be done without tendering, on the basis of nomination and that if required, more than the maximum limit set for purchase of EVs can also be spent.

In directions issued by chief secretary DS Mishra, it has been stated that EVs should be purchased on the basis of nomination, without tender and the prevailing upper limit on the purchase

of vehicles for official use should be relaxed.

The two provisions have been made, explained a government spokesperson, because EVs are currently more expensive than diesel and petrol vehicles and therefore, there is a need to allow for additional expenditure on their purchase. This, he said, would be offset by the savings on fuel in later years.

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