

UP Amends EV Policy, Expands Rs 10 Lakh Subsidy To Cover Upstream Infrastructure Costs

Uttar Pradesh has become the first state in India to include upstream infrastructure costs in the eligible costs for setting up electric vehicle (EV) charging stations. This amendment to the Uttar Pradesh Electric Vehicle Manufacturing and Mobility Policy-2022 will address a major issue faced by charge point operators, who were previously unable to claim subsidies due to the exclusion of upstream costs from eligible investments.



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In a major policy amendment aimed at boosting electric vehicle (EV) infrastructure, the Uttar Pradesh government has announced that the cost of upstream infrastructure (source infrastructure) will now be included in the eligible investment for setting up EV charging centres. The change has been made under the Uttar Pradesh Electric Vehicle Manufacturing and Mobility Policy–2022, addressing a key hurdle faced by charge point operators.

Previously, upstream costs were not considered part of the eligible investment, making it difficult for many investors to meet the minimum investment threshold of Rs 25 lakh, thereby missing out on state grants. With this revision, Uttar Pradesh has become the first state in the country to offer subsidies on upstream infrastructure for EV charging centres.

The decision was taken during a recent meeting of the High-Level Authorised Electric Vehicle Committee (HLEEVC) chaired by the Chief Secretary. The move is expected to ease the financial burden on investors and encourage faster development of EV infrastructure in the state.

As per the revised policy, investors are entitled to a 20 per cent subsidy on investments made towards building construction, civil works, chargers, batteries, and related equipment (excluding land cost), with a maximum cap of Rs 10 lakh per unit.

With the inclusion of upstream infrastructure in the eligible cost, meeting the Rs 25 lakh investment requirement will now be more feasible for developers, enabling more players to qualify for the grant.

So far, over 12.72 lakh electric vehicles have been registered in Uttar Pradesh, and more than 450 charging centres are being added to the state's GIS dashboard to track infrastructure growth.