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e-vehicle policy on June 29

Will give impetus to electric mobility segment, says Industries Principal Secretary

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Telangana State will launch its new Electric Vehicles Policy on June 29. The policy will give an impetus to the electric mobility segment, said Industries Principal Secretary Jayesh Ranjan. The policy will highlight the various incentives that will be given for the electric vehicle segment.

The Industries Principal Secretary had earlier said that the government would be open to feedback from the stakeholders on the quantum and duration of incentive to be given. The policy will address the concerns both from the demand and supply sides.

Charging stations

HMRL Managing Director NVS Reddy said electric charging stations and battery swapping facilities will be set up at all the Metro stations in the city and the first such station will come up at Miyapur in about 15 days.

Power Grid Corporation will install the charging infra while the space for the same will be provided by HMRL. Each station will have three chargers and will be on a pay per use basis. The tariff for the same is yet to be decided. However, the intent is to keep it around 50 per cent of the fuel costs. Typically, users do not look to charge



SEEKING SOLUTIONS: Industries Principal Secretary Jayesh Ranjan and HMRL Managing Director NVS Reddy at the Station Access and Mobility Programme in city. — Photo: Surya Sridhar

from zero to 100 per cent instead they will look to up the charge from say 30 per cent to 80 per cent, which will last more than 70 km.

This is the first time that Power Grid is doing such a project. This will also serve as a pilot for the electric vehicles industry, the Power Grid official said.

Smart parking

On a query on parking facilities at the metro stations, Reddy said more than 50 per cent of the parking area available at the stations is lying vacant and the effort is to optimise the resource use.

We are now going for a smart parking facility. "On Friday, we had two presentations. Once the bid process is over, we will finalise soon. We should have smart parking in less than a month's time," the HMRL Managing Director said.

There would not be any human intervention in the payment mechanism. This can be managed through an app. There would be a command and control centre. We will integrate this with the Police Control Room. There will multiple models, including some vertical structures. For the smart

parking to happen, encroachments at the station areas have to be removed, he said.

Safety

T Krishna Prasad, DGP and Chairman, Road Safety Authority, Government of Telangana, said the draft of Road Safety Authority Act was being made. It will stress on safety. It will also give clarity on registration of electric vehicles. The policy will also spell out the role of startups in transport segment.

About five lakh accidents happen and about 1.5 lakh

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— NVS REDDY
HMRL MD

lives in India including about 7,200 in Telangana alone are lost annually, denting the GDP, he said. Out of these, 45 per cent were pedestrians and two-wheelers, he said stressing the need to make these two segments more secure.

Competition

They were speaking at the Station Access and Mobility Programme (STAMP), a competition to seek possible solutions on issues relating to footpaths, first and last mile connectivity, cost, comfort and time, single ticket for various modes of transport, accessibility, connecting bus services and others.

The event is organised by WRI India Ross Centre for Sustainable Cities and Toyota Mobility Foundation and others. The winning entries will get a financial and mentoring support for making a business case.