

Extended PLI Scheme for Automobile and Auto Components

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Why in News?

The **Ministry of Heavy Industries** has recently extended the tenure of the <u>Production Linked Incentive</u> (<u>PLI) Scheme</u> **for Automobile and Auto Components** by one year, with incentives now applicable for five consecutive financial years starting from 2023-24.

- This decision has been made after receiving the approval of the Empowered Group of Secretaries (EGoS).
- Companies failing to meet the first year's sales increase threshold will not receive incentives for that year.
 - However, they remain eligible for future benefits by achieving a 10% year-on-year growth over the first year's threshold.

What is a Production Linked Incentive Scheme?

- About: PLI scheme is a government initiative in India that offers financial incentives to companies based on their incremental sales of products manufactured in India.
 - The scheme aims to drive <u>domestic manufacturing</u>, spur job creation, bolster exports, facilitate technology transfer, and diminish import reliance.
- Key Features:
 - Sector-specific: The scheme is currently active in 14 key sectors: mobile manufacturing, manufacturing of medical devices, automobiles and auto components, pharmaceuticals, drugs, specialty steel, telecom & networking products, electronic products, white goods (ACs and LEDs), food products, textile products, solar PV modules, advanced chemistry cell (ACC) battery, and drones and drone components.
 - Incentive Rate: The incentive rate varies depending on the sector and product category, but can range from 4% to 6% of incremental sales.

What is the Status of the Automobile Sector in India?

- India is the world's third-largest <u>automobile market</u>. The Automobile Sector resulted in 5.41% of the total FDI inflow as per the September 2023 DPIIT Report.
- The <u>Electric Vehicle</u> market is expected to grow at a **CAGR of 49%** between 2022-2030 and the EV industry would create 5 Mn direct and indirect jobs by 2030.
- Related Government Initiatives:
 - FAME Scheme
 - Automotive Mission Plan 2016-26 (AMP 2026)

UPSC Civil Services Examination, Previous Year Question:

Q. Consider, the following statements: (2023)

Statement-I: India accounts for 3.2% of global export of goods.

Statement-II: Many local companies and some foreign companies operating in India have taken advantage of India's 'Production-linked Incentive' scheme.

Which one of the following is correct in respect of the above statements?

- (a) Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct and Statement-II is the correct explanation for Statement-I
- **(b)** Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct and Statement-II is not the correct explanation for Statement-I
- (c) Statement-I is correct but Statement-II is incorrect
- (d) Statement-I is incorrect but Statement-II is correct

Ans: (d)

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