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**Delhi government to join hand with DISCOMS, MCD and NDMC to create a coordinated strategy for rapid expansion of EV charging infrastructure**

**Decision taking in the 5th meeting of the EV Charging Infrastructure Working Group chaired by Vice Chairperson, DDC, Sh. Jasmine Shah**

**Led by the vision of Delhi CM Shri Arvind Kejriwal of establishing Delhi as the EV capital of India, the EV Charging Infrastructure Working Group has played a critical role in coordinating among multiple agencies and creating innovative models to ensure installation of 2300+ charging points in Delhi in the past 2 years: Sh. Jasmine Shah, Chairperson, EV Charging Infrastructure Working Group**

**Delhi's success shows that setting up an efficient, cost-effective, and equitable network of charging stations in Delhi requires coordination among multiple stakeholder departments: Sh. Jasmine Shah**

**100 new EV charging stations shall come up at sites across Delhi through tender floated by DTL. Total 896 public charging points and 103 battery swapping stations are getting installed at these 100 stations: Sh. Jasmine Shah**

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NEW DELHI:

Stakeholders across government agencies, DISCOMS and EV industry/think tanks came together to discuss the formulation and adoption of a coordinated strategy for leapfrogging Delhi's emergence as India's EV Capital at the 5th meeting of Delhi Government's Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging Infrastructure Working Group. The Working Group, chaired by the Vice Chairperson, Dialogue and Development Commission (DDC) of Delhi, Sh. Jasmine Shah, plays an important role in guiding the overall strategy for an accelerated roll-out of public and private EV charging infrastructure in Delhi.

The meeting was attended by Shri Ashish Kundra, Principal Secretary-cum-Commissioner (Transport), senior officials from the Power Department, PWD, DISCOMS, MCD, NDMC as well as experts from EV industry.

Sh. Jasmine Shah, Chairperson of the Working Group said, "The EV Charging Infrastructure Working Group has continuously innovated to create an enabling environment for Delhi's

emergence as the EV leader in India. Thanks to the efforts of the Working Group led by the vision of Delhi CM Shri Arvind Kejriwal of establishing Delhi as the EV capital of India, Delhi has led the country in establishing a wide network of EV charging points. There are a total of 2356 charging points and 234 battery-swapping stations currently operational at 1892 locations in Delhi. Setting up an efficient, cost-effective, and equitable network of charging stations in Delhi requires coordination among multiple stakeholder departments. The working group and a coordinated strategy encompassing all the relevant stakeholders ensure that EV charging is not planned in silos.”

The Working Group reviewed the status of a tender for setting up 100 EV charging/swapping stations on public land parcels floated by Delhi Transco Limited (DTL) and under which, the Letters of Acceptance of Tender (LOAs) were awarded to four successful concessionaires in March 2022. Currently, 896 public charging points and 103 battery swapping stations are getting installed under the DTL tender. The first set of charging stations are expected to be inaugurated in August 2022.

Sh. Jasmine Shah, Chairperson of the Working Group, said, “The innovative tender is the first of its kind in India to employ the PPP model to set up EV chargers, which resulted in the lowest charging rate in the world - INR 2 per unit. Delhi Government’s model entailed the planned land aggregation from various agencies to rent out to private players on a concessional basis and offered a model conducive to business success, by defraying costs associated with upstream electrical infrastructure, linking lease rentals to revenue, offering flexibility in charger combination calls, etc. Most importantly, keeping service charge for the end consumer, and not revenue maximisation, as the bidding criterion resulted in strong competition among private players to quote such a low service charge.”

During the review, the Vice Chairperson (DDCD) also noted some delays in the operationalisation of a few sites caused by delays in laying upstream electrical infrastructure and he strictly directed the DISCOMs to expedite the processes so that the deployment at these sites can be completed on time.

The installation of public charging/swapping stations by DTL mentioned above is over and above the public chargers being set up in 20 bus depots by the Transport Department through CESL. Among the latter, 45 charging points for EV vehicles have already been inaugurated on Wednesday by Hon’ble Chief Minister Shri Arvind Kejriwal at 7 DTC depots (Rajghat, IP Estate, Kalkaji, Nehru Place, Mehrauli, Dwarka Sector-2, and Dwarka Sector-8).

The Working Group appreciated the efforts and progress made for the installations in Delhi’s semi-public/private spaces through the single-window mechanism set up by the Delhi Government by empanelling vendors through the DISCOMs for the installation of slow and moderate chargers. The facility offers smooth and hassle-free online installation of EV chargers by Delhi’s individuals, RWAs, and owners of malls/restaurants/commercial business on their premises within 7 working days of submitting the request.

The Vice Chairperson (DDC) encouraged the DISCOMs to sensitise and guide Delhi residents, RWAs and owners of semi-public/commercial spaces like shopping malls, theaters, etc. about installing EV charging points on their premises. EV dealerships were also encouraged

to create awareness amongst their prospective customers about the eligibility, features and benefits of the private charging programme provided under Delhi Government's EV Policy, so that they can make an informed choice.

The Working Group also discussed the need for a coordinated strategy that encompasses all relevant government entities to leapfrog the deployment of charging infrastructure in Delhi. Inputs from different agencies were discussed during the meeting and a plan for the same is set to be launched during the 4th Delhi EV Forum on 10 August, 2022, which will also mark the two year anniversary of Delhi's landmark EV policy.