

Tesla welcome only if it wants to make cars here, says Gadkari

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Nagpur: Reiterating his stance on [Tesla](#), Union transport minister Nitin Gadkari said the company can come to India only if it wants to make the car here. “We cannot accept the offer if it wants to have the manufacturing facility in China and sell the cars in India, and also want tax exemptions here,” he said while responding to a question asked at the Zero Mile Samvad meet organized by the IIM-Nagpur on Saturday.

Gadkari also said the network of highways he is creating will soon reduce the distance between Delhi to Chennai by 320km. He also spoke on the plans about an electric cable car connecting Jaipur to Mumbai. The minister accepted that the highway accidents have increased by 10% touching over 1.68 lakh a year. “This is more than the deaths which may have occurred in a riot or war,” he said.

A strong champion of alternate fuel, he also accepted that despite the attempts to reduce their use, the demand for fossil fuels will only go up. “However, there was time when people were sceptical about electric vehicles, now I get request to get an electric vehicle delivered out of turn,” said Gadkari.

The Indian automobile sector which was the seventh largest in the country in 2014, is third in the world only after China and US, he said. “It is the largest exporter and also the highest contributor to

the goods and services (GST) collection,” said Gadkari.



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“A network of tunnels will reduce the time of travel in the Himachal, Ladakh and Kashmir. Driving through the tunnels, Srinagar would be reached in mere three and a half hours from Jammu as against 10 hours now,” he said.

A network of highways will start from Nashik to Ahmednagar, Solapur, connecting Chennai and Kanyakumari. “This will reduce distance between Delhi and Chennai by 320 kms,” he said.

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