

‘EV makers no longer need subsidy’

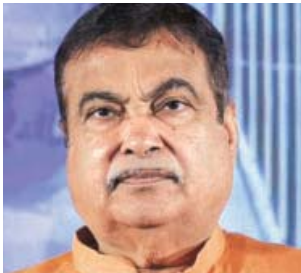
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Union minister Nitin Gadkari on Thursday said there is no need to provide subsidy to electric vehicle (EV) makers as consumers are now choosing EVs or CNG vehicles on their own.

Addressing BNEF Summit, Gadkari said, “In my opinion, manufacturing of EVs no longer needs to be subsidised by the government. The ask for subsidies isn’t justified anymore.”

He said initially costs of manufacturing electric vehicles



Union Transport Minister Nitin Gadkari said production cost of EVs has dropped

were high, but as demand has increased, production costs

have dropped, making further subsidies unnecessary.

“Consumers are now choosing electric and CNG vehicles on their own and I do not think we need to provide much subsidy for electric vehicles,” the road transport and highways minister said.

He pointed out that GST on EVs is lower than petrol and diesel vehicles.

At present, 28 per cent GST is levied on vehicles powered by internal combustion engines, including hybrids, and 5 per cent on EVs.