

# Ministry scraps safety tests for EV batteries

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The Centre on Wednesday scrapped the mandatory human safety tests for electric vehicle (EV) batteries required to qualify for incentives under various government schemes.

The ministry of heavy industries, in its fresh guidelines, has made compliance with the ministry of road transport and highways (MoRTH's) prevailing EV battery testing standards the only requirement to get incentives under the Centre's various incentive schemes.

“EV safety and battery safety compliance requirements have already seen stringent standards notified by the ministry of road transport and

highways. Therefore, the above compliance is adequate and to be followed,” the ministry of heavy industries guidelines said. *Business Standard* first reported, on August 1, about the ministry's view to scrapping the mandatory testing parameters. The ministry, on November 2, 2022, introduced these tests but the industry received a six-month extension in April.

On April 29, *Business Standard* first reported about the ministry's decision to give a six-month deadline extension until October 1. The decision to eliminate the mandatory human safety tests follows the findings of a committee led by the Automotive Research Association of India (ARAI) director.