

# West Asia conflict a concern for auto industry, says SIAM

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The Society of Indian Automobile Manufacturers (SIAM) said on Friday that while March sees festival-led demand in several parts of the country, the recent conflict in West Asia remains a concern from the perspective of supply chains, which could impact the manufacturing processes and exports.

On March 9, both SIAM and Automotive Component Manufacturers Association of India (ACMA) had expressed concerns regarding the availability of LNG and PNG for industrial use via letters to the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas (MoPNG), Ministry of Heavy Industries (MHI) and Department of Commerce.

## APPLICATIONS

LPG and PNG are particularly used for foundry, forging and machining units, as well as other applications within the automotive supply chain for operational processes.

"Industry would keep a close watch on evolving geo-



political developments," said Rajesh Menon, Director General, SIAM, while sharing the sales data for February.

In terms of domestic wholesales (dispatches to dealers), Menon said positive sentiments in the industry continues as passenger vehicles, two-wheelers and three-wheelers posted their highest-ever sales in February 2026, with double-digit growth, compared to February 2025.

According to the data released by the industry body, the passenger vehicle wholesales reported a growth of 10.6 per cent year-on-year at 4,17,705 units in February, compared with 3,77,689 units in the corresponding month last year. Similarly, two-wheelers dispatches

grew by 35.2 per cent y-o-y in February with sales of 18,71,406 units, compared to 13,84,605 units in February 2025. While the motorcycles dispatches grew around 31 per cent y-o-y to 10,96,537 units (against 8,38,250 units in February 2025), scooter dispatches grew 42.3 per cent y-o-y at 7,29,774 units (against 5,12,783 units in February 2025).

Three-wheelers also witnessed a strong growth of 29 per cent y-o-y with dispatches of 74,573 units last month, against 57,788 units in February the previous year. The grand total of all vehicles across categories grew 30 per cent y-o-y at 23,63,684 units in February, compared to 18,20,082 units in February last year.

## AUTO EXPORTS

In terms of exports, total passenger vehicles exports grew 34 per cent y-o-y at 75,892 units during the month, compared to 56,638 units in February last year.

Similarly, exports of total two-wheelers grew 26 per cent y-o-y at 4,92,414 units, compared to 3,91,408 units in February 2025, the SIAM data indicated.