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Notice Inviting Expression of Interest (EOI)

**Expression of Interest (EOI) for
Location Aggregation through
Charge Point Operators for
EVPCS Deployment under
Category C of the PM E-DRIVE
Scheme.**

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1. IMPORTANT DATES & INFORMATION

Particulars	Details
Date & Venue of Prebid Consultation Meeting	24.12.2025 (11:00 Hrs IST), Online, Those who wish to attend shall send request to pmedrive@kseb.in for the meeting link.
Mode of Submission of EoI	Online submission only; (offline or other modes will not be accepted)
Commencement of the Online Portal for Submission.	22.12.2025 (15:00 Hrs IST)
Closure of the Online Portal for Submission.	05.01.2026 (15:00 Hrs IST)
Portal URL	https://pmedrivekerala.kseb.in
Contact	EV Accelerator Cell, KSEBL, 9th Floor, Vidyuthi Bhavanam, Pattom, Thiruvananthapuram – 695004 Email: pmedrive@kseb.in Phone: 0471-2514222
Processing Fee	NIL
EoI Inviting Authority	Chief Engineer (REES & PED), KSEBL

This Expression of Interest (EoI) is intended exclusively for aggregating proposals from eligible Charge Point Operators (CPOs), under Category C of the PM E-DRIVE Scheme of the Ministry of Heavy Industries (MHI), Government of India.

As the State Nodal Agency KSEBL's role will be limited to the following activities:

- Conducting initial eligibility verification of CPOs and publishing.
- Submission of proposals from the qualified CPOs.
- Verifying the submitted proposals and shortlisting.
- Compiling and submitting the shortlisted proposals to the Ministry of Heavy Industries (MHI)
- Facilitating subsidy disbursement workflow, for the MHI approved locations as per the procedure defined under the scheme.

KSEBL does not have any authority to approve the proposals or sanction subsidies. The evaluation, selection of proposals, final approval and release of subsidies shall be undertaken solely by the Ministry of Heavy Industries (MHI).

Submission of a proposal to KSEBL does not guarantee or assure approval, selection, financial support, or subsidy eligibility under the PM E-DRIVE Scheme.

All proposals must be submitted only through the designated online portal within the specified timelines. Offline or any other modes of submissions will not be accepted. Eligible CPOs are

advised to thoroughly review the scheme guidelines, eligibility requirements, technical specifications, and documentation instructions before submission. Interested CPOs are specifically advised to go through the Operational Guidelines for Deployment of EV Public Charging Stations (EV PCS) under the PM E-DRIVE Scheme dated 26.09.2025, issued by the Ministry of Heavy Industries (MHI), to ensure full compliance with all provisions. The Pre-bid Consultation Meeting is optional, but participation is encouraged for clarification regarding submission procedures and scheme requirements.

All communications related to this EoI shall be directed to the EV Accelerator Cell, KSEBL, using the contact details provided in the 'important dates & information' table.

KSEBL reserves the right to modify, revise, or withdraw this EoI at any stage without assigning any reason thereof. As this exercise is purely facilitative, no contractual or financial obligation arises for KSEBL from the submission of proposals.

Any other guidelines, conditions, eligibility norms, or compliance requirements not explicitly mentioned in this document shall be governed by and subject to the prevailing norms, instructions, and guidelines issued by the Ministry of Heavy Industries (MHI) under the PM E-DRIVE Scheme.



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2. GENERAL INFORMATION TO BIDDERS

2.1. Definitions

EoI Format shall mean this set of documents seeking proposal from eligible Charge Point Operators (CPOs) under Category C of the PM E-DRIVE Scheme of the Ministry of Heavy Industries (MHI), Government of India.

2.2. Abbreviations

- i. **2W:** Two-Wheeler.
- ii. **3W:** Three- Wheeler.
- iii. **4W:** Four- Wheeler.
- iv. **AC:** Alternating Current.
- v. **CMS:** Central Management System.
- vi. **CPO:** Charge Point Operator.
- vii. **DC:** Direct Current.
- viii. **EV:** Electric Vehicle.
- ix. **KSEBL:** Kerala State Electricity Board Limited.
- x. **MHI:** Ministry of Heavy Industries.
- xi. **MoP:** Ministry of Power
- xii. **PCS:** Public Charging Station.
- xiii. **SNA:** State Nodal Agency.

2.3. Background

Government of India has approved the PM Electric Drive Revolution in Innovative Vehicle Enhancement (PM E-DRIVE) Scheme with an outlay of INR 10,900 crore, vide Gazette notification S.O. 4259 (E) on 29th September 2024. The key objective is to accelerate EV adoption by establishing a robust network of EV Public Charging Stations (EV PCS).

The Ministry of Heavy Industries (MHI) has earmarked INR 2,000 crore for public charging infrastructure under PM E-DRIVE scheme as per the Operational Guidelines issued on 26.09.2025. Subsidy support is provided across four categories A, B, C & D where Category C* covers locations such as city-streets, shopping malls, market complexes and highway/expressways with public access. (**Operational Guidelines For Deployment of EV Public Charging Stations under the PM E-DRIVE Scheme issued by MHI on 26.09.2025.*)

The Government of Kerala has designated Kerala State Electricity Board Limited (KSEBL) as the State Nodal Agency (SNA) for the PM E-DRIVE scheme to aggregate the EV PCS demand and submit the proposals to MHI as per Government Order G.O.(Rt)No.212/2025/POWER dated 16th October 2025. While KSEBL is directly coordinating with government departments for category A & B (public land), it has developed a dedicated online portal to facilitate the applications from the Charge Point Operators (CPO) for category C.

2.4. Objective

The objective of this Expression of Interest (EoI) is to invite eligible Charge Point Operators (CPOs) to submit proposals for establishing Electric Vehicle Public Charging Stations (EV PCS) on land parcels with unrestricted public access under Category C of the PM E-DRIVE Scheme.

2.5. Scheme Overview

- The PM E-DRIVE Scheme has a National outlay of ₹10,900 Crore.
- ₹2,000 Crore is allocated exclusively for public charging infrastructure across Categories A, B, C, and D.
- Under Category C, CPOs are eligible for 80% subsidy on upstream infrastructure costs (including transformers, cables, switchgear, and civil works), excluding GST and refundable deposits.
- Under category C no subsidy is provided for EVSE (charger hardware).

2.6. Scope

This Expression of Interest (EoI) pertains to the submission and aggregation of proposals for establishing Electric Vehicle Public Charging Stations (EV PCS) under Category C of the PM E-DRIVE Scheme.

Kerala State Electricity Board Limited (KSEBL), the State Nodal Agency (SNA), will coordinate and facilitate the proposal aggregation process. The EoI is open to the eligible Charge Point Operators (CPOs) interested in setting up EV PCS on Category C locations, such as city-streets, shopping malls, market complexes and highway/expressways with public access, as permitted under the scheme guidelines.

Under this EoI, CPOs are required to register in the designated web-portal with mandatory documents as per the eligibility criteria stipulated in this document/web-portal. Registered CPOs will be scrutinised by KSEBL and the qualified CPOs will be subsequently allowed to submit proposals through the web portal. Further, the role of KSEBL is limited to aggregation of proposals received from eligible CPOs, compiling and forwarding short-listed proposals to the Ministry of Heavy Industries (MHI), and facilitating the subsidy disbursement for the MHI approved locations as per the procedure defined under the scheme.

The Ministry of Heavy Industries (MHI) retains full authority for the final evaluation and approval of proposals and is solely responsible for sanctioning and releasing subsidies under the PM E-DRIVE Scheme.

3. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Only Charge Point Operator (CPO) are eligible to submit the proposals. A CPO must be an established organization or company engaged in the development and management of EV charging infrastructure. The CPO should be responsible for the supply & installation of chargers,

operation, maintenance, uptime management, customer support, and network/grid connectivity of EV Public Charging Stations.

Criteria	Requirement
Experience	<p>Must have established a minimum of 10 operational public fast charging stations in India.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Each station must have at least one CCS-II (IS-17017-2-3) 30kW DC or higher capacity fast charger. All stations must be operational for at least 6 months prior to the date of application. (Supporting documents required shall be uploaded in the designated web portal)
Technical Capability	<p>The CPO must demonstrate full operational control and digital integration of its charging network.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Own a Central Management System (CMS) with real-time monitoring of charger status, energy consumption, faults, and user sessions. Mobile application publicly available on Google Play Store and Apple App Store for user interface, navigation, and payment etc. All proposed chargers shall be onboarded on the 'National Unified Hub' being developed by MHI immediately post-commissioning. The chargers shall be equipped with app-less payment facilities and shall comply with any subsequent smart charging-related regulations or guidelines issued by the competent authorities. The launch of the mobile application in the play store/app store shall be on or before 01.01.2025.
Compliance	<p>The CPO must strictly comply with the Operational Guidelines for Deployment of EV Public Charging Stations (EV PCS) under the PM E-DRIVE Scheme, issued by the Ministry of Heavy Industries (MHI) from time to time.</p>

Note:

- A single CPO may propose up to 50 locations under Category C. All submissions will undergo eligibility verification by KSEBL, and failure to meet any of the prescribed criteria will result in automatic disqualification.*
- All verification outcomes and approvals will be issued exclusively through the designated web portal, and the list of qualified CPOs will be made available on the portal for public viewing.*

4. SUBMISSION OF LOCATIONS

The allocation of subsidies to States by the MHI is strictly on a first-come, first-served basis, which requires early submission of proposals to MHI. Hence **the designated web portal for the proposal submission will remain accessible only for a limited time period** and the CPOs are encouraged to submit their proposals within the allotted time-frame.

The intended Charge Point Operator (CPO) shall undertake the following responsibilities in a professional, compliant, and timely manner:

- i. **Identification of Suitable Land Parcels:** The CPO shall proactively identify suitable land parcels under category C that ensure unrestricted public access, possess sufficient space to accommodate charging bays, upstream electrical infrastructure (including transformers and switchgear), and associated civil works, and are strategically located in high-traffic areas such as commercial zones, highways, expressways, market complexes, residential clusters, or transit hubs to maximize utilization and support Kerala's EV ecosystem growth.
- ii. **Securement of Land Rights and Documentation:** The CPO shall own the land or formally secure land rights with a minimum validity of 5years. For the land owned by the CPO, copies of the land tax receipts and the possession certificate shall be uploaded to the designated web portal. In the case of land rights are secured through agreement, the CPO is required to obtain No Objection Certificate (NOC) from the landowner in the prescribed format provided in **Annexure A**, which must then be uploaded to the designated web portal.

Note:

All land-related documents submitted by the CPO will undergo authenticity verification during the field inspection during any stage of implementation. If any discrepancies are detected, all subsidy claims submitted by the concerned CPO shall be rejected in full.

- iii. **Submission of Detailed Proposals via KSEBL PM E-DRIVE Portal:** The CPO shall submit comprehensive, station-wise proposals through the designated online portal, including but not limited to:
 - Accurate geographic coordinates (latitude and longitude) captured using GPS-enabled mapping tools, along with geo-tagged photographs for verification.
 - Location sketch of the proposed site.
 - Land feasibility report.
 - Configuration details of all chargers specifying type (DC/AC), capacity (kW), connector standards (CCS2, Type-2, etc.), and number of charging guns per segment (e-2W/3W, e-4W, e-buses/trucks);
 - Estimated upstream infrastructure cost/ DISCOM Demand Note in the name of CPO shall be submitted along with the proposal.

- DISCOM demand notes/invoices related to upstream infrastructure issued prior to 01.12.2025 shall not be considered. Only those issued on or after 01.12.2025 will be eligible.
- Land-related documents (scanned copies of ownership deed/ NOC as per **Annexure A**).
- Land Feasibility report in the prescribed land feasibility assessment form as per **Annexure B**.

All submissions shall be accurate, verifiable, and compliant with the Operational Guidelines for Category C under PM E-DRIVE Scheme.

5. PROCESS FLOW

Step	Action	Responsibility
STAGE I		
1	CPO registration on web portal	CPO
2	Eligibility Verification and publishing	KSEBL
STAGE II		
1	Submission of proposals	Eligible CPO
2	Review, compilation, submission to MHI	KSEBL
3	Approval & sanction of subsidy	MHI

6. PORTAL REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS

- The CPO shall upload a valid PAN card and Certificate of Incorporation issued by the Ministry of Corporate Affairs.
- A live screenshot of the Central Management System (CMS) dashboard clearly displaying the number of chargers and stations listed.
- Direct links to the CPO's mobile application on Google Play Store and/or Apple App Store shall be submitted for verification.
- A structured list of 10 existing public fast charging stations (using the portal-provided template) including location, charger specifications, and commissioning date must be uploaded.

7. PRIORITIZATION

- Proposals shall be processed on a first-come, first-served basis from the date of successful submission on web portal.
- Only proposals for setting up new EV Public Charging Stations (EVPCS) or for the upgradation of existing charging stations shall be considered. Existing charging stations, as such, will not be eligible.

- Priority in verification and batch compilation shall be accorded to stations equipped with chargers of 100 kW or higher capacity.
- Additional preference may be given to locations demonstrating high EV density or strategic connectivity, such as major highways, commercial hubs, or transit corridors.

8. SUBMISSION

Registration & submission online at: <https://pmedrivekerala.kseb.in>

Offline submissions will not be accepted.



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ANNEXURE A

NO OBJECTION CERTIFICATE (NOC)

(For Setting Up and Operating Electric Vehicle Charging Station under PM E-DRIVE Scheme –
Category C for Subsidy Consideration)

Date:

To

The Charge Point Operator (CPO)

Subject: No Objection Certificate (NOC) for Submission under PM E-DRIVE Scheme
(Category C) for Setting Up and Operating a Public Electric Vehicle Charging Station
(EVPCS)

I, _____, aged ____ years, S/o / D/o
_____, residing at _____,
being the lawful owner/ lessor of the land described below, hereby issue this No Objection
Certificate (NOC) in favour of:

Name of the CPO / Company:

Registered Address:

1. Land Details

- Land Owner's Name: _____
- Land Location / Address: _____

- Survey Number(s): _____
- Village / Taluk / District: _____
- Extent of Land (Area in sq.m.): _____
- Latitude: _____
- Longitude: _____

I hereby confirm that I possess the rights to the above-mentioned property and that there is no dispute or encumbrance restricting the usage of this land for setting up of a Public Electric Vehicle Charging Station (EV PCS).

2. Grant of Rights

I hereby grant unconditional consent and No Objection to the above-mentioned CPO to:

- i. Set up, install, operate, maintain, and manage a Public Electric Vehicle Charging Station (EV PCS) on the said land as required under the PM E-DRIVE Scheme (Category C);
- ii. Lay underground or overhead electrical cables, install chargers, kiosks, transformer, civil foundation, fencing, and all related infrastructure required;
- iii. Access the premises for maintenance, service operations, and other authorized technical activities.

3. Duration

This NOC grants the CPO the right to use the premises for a minimum period of five (05) years from the date of execution of this certificate, or until the expiry of the corresponding agreement executed between the landowner and the CPO (whichever is later).

4. Conditions

- i. The landowner will not object to the construction, installation, or operation of the charging station or associated upstream electrical infrastructure.
- ii. The landowner agrees to provide unhindered access to the public charging station (EV PCS) throughout the tenure.
- iii. This NOC is issued voluntarily, without pressure or coercion.
- iv. This NOC may be used by the CPO for submission to KSEBL, the Ministry of Heavy Industries (MHI), district authorities, DISCOM, Electrical Inspectorate, and any other statutory authority for approvals and subsidy consideration under PM E-DRIVE Category C.

5. Declaration

I hereby declare that:

- I am the lawful owner / authorized custodian of the above-mentioned property.
- There is no litigation, dispute, or claim pending regarding ownership or possession of the property.
- I have no objection to the establishment and operation of a Public EV Charging Station (EV PCS) by the CPO for the permitted period.
- In case of any ownership disputes arising in future, the CPO shall not be held responsible.

6. Attachments

1. Scanned Copy of Land Ownership Document / Title Deed/ Land Tax Receipt.
2. Photograph(s) of the Site with Latitude and Longitude.

Signature of Land Owner

Name: _____
Address: _____

Mobile: _____
Email: _____
Signature: _____
Seal (if any)

Witnesses**Witness 1:**

Name: _____
Address: _____
Signature: _____

Witness 2:

Name: _____
Address: _____
Signature: _____

ANNEXURE B**LAND FEASIBILITY ASSESSMENT FORM**

Sl.No						
1	Name of Site					
2	Photograph of Site					
3	Coordinates of the Site (up to 5 decimal places)	<table border="1"> <tr> <td>Latitude</td><td></td></tr> <tr> <td>Longitude</td><td></td></tr> </table>	Latitude		Longitude	
Latitude						
Longitude						
	Site Location					
4	Is the site abutting a road (Yes /No)					
	If yes,					
a.	Name of Road					
b.	Category of Road – National Highway, State Highway, Major District Road, Local Road Note - Roads important to a particular city/town/village shall only be included under Local Road category					
c.	Distance of site from Road (in m)					
5	Site/Area Characteristics					
	Is the site at or at proximity to an area with <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Major Roads – national highways, state highways, major district roads • Transit terminals – airports, railway stations, metro stations, bus stations/depots/ISBTs • Offices – Collectorates, Government offices, Technopark, Infopark etc. • Commercial areas with high 					

	<p>footfall – CBD areas in cities, shopping complexes, malls, markets</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tourism – tourism corridors, activities, centers, heritage areas • Recreational facilities – stadiums, indoor courts, sports complexes, parks, playgrounds • Parking Areas – MLCPs, parking areas • Transit Oriented Development Corridors (TOD) in six Corporations of Kerala (where applicable) • Ports • Industrial & Logistics centric areas • Religious buildings <p>If yes, explain the type and importance of the area/site.</p>	
6	Any other characteristics/necessities (other than mentioned above) for establishing a charging station at selected site?	
7	Feasibility Conclusion Statement	

Signature:

Name:

Designation:

Organisation: