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Stricter green norms for 2-wheelers soon

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are two-wheelers, which emit nearly four to five times more oxides of nitrogen (NOx) than petrol cars.

Earlier this month, road transport minister Nitin Gadkari had announced the timeline (April 2020) for rollout of BS-VI emission norms. He had said these norms would apply to all vehicles.

   
NEW DELHI: The government is set to tighten emission norms for two-wheelers, the highest selling motor vehicle category which collectively contributes significantly to air pollution. The stricter standards are likely to be announced this week.

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"Studies have suggested that pollution caused by twowheelers is very high in cities such as Delhi. While we support the industry as it is a vehicle for middle-income groups, two-wheelers need to comply with stricter emission norms," said a government official

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Emission norms are likely to be tightened for twowheelers soon. Of the 1.97 crore vehicles sold in India in 2014-15, two-wheelers accounted for 1.6 crore. The trend was almost similar in 2013-14. Twowheeler manufacturers had earlier opposed a proposal for stricter norms for NOx emissions in Euro-IV standards, claiming this would reduce mileage.

According to government norms, NOx emission limit for a BS-IV petrol car is 0.08 gram/km but for a two-wheeler, it is 0.39 gram/km. BS-IV norms for twowheelers have been notified and become effective from April 2016 for new models and April 2017 for the existing models.

The norms are stricter in case of two-wheelers produced in Europe where the NOx emission limit is 0.07 gram/km. These standards came into effect from January 1. Long-term NOx exposure may decrease lung function and increase the risk of respiratory symptoms. According to studies, most of the NOx pollution in cities come from motor vehicle exhaust.

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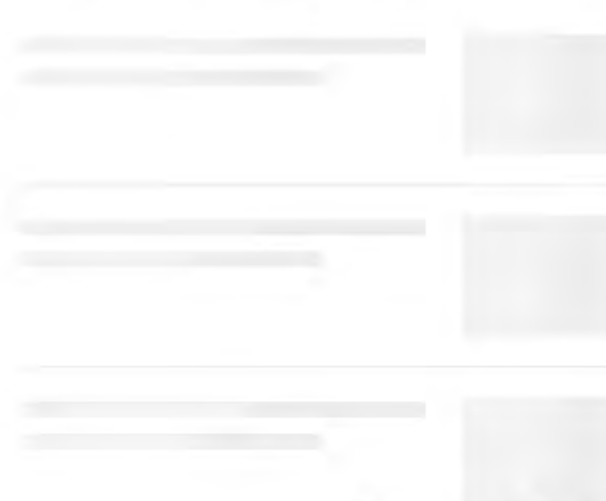
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