



## India looks to install EV charging points at 69,000 petrol stations

**The Government could force the installation of EV charging facilities at all COCO petrol stations.**

The Government of India is evaluating the deployment of at least one electric vehicle charging point each in nearly 69,000 petrol stations across the country, reports Press Trust of India. In a move to encourage people to transition to electric mobility options, the Government would be mulling the option of imposing the installation of EV charging facilities at all company-owned, company-operated petrol pumps of state refiners.

According to Press Trust of India's sources, Power Minister RK Singh suggested Oil Ministry top officials that "they may issue an order for their oil marketing companies under their administrative control for setting up charging kiosks at all COCO [Company Owned Company Operated (COCO)] petrol pumps."

Other franchisee petrol stations operators would also be advised soon to deploy at least one EV charging point in their sites to help achieve offering EV charging solutions at all petrol stations in India.

India's Oil Ministry new guidelines established that new petrol stations must serve at least one alternative to traditional fuels.

The rolling plan for the development of EV charging infrastructure would start off across cities and on highways in Delhi-National Capital Region, Kolkata, Chennai, Hyderabad, Bengaluru, Vadodara and Bhopal, the Power Ministry chalked out.