



Alkesh Kumar Sharma, the secretary for electronics and information technology, announced that the nation will soon begin producing semiconductors. He was responding to a question regarding the Ministry of Electronics and IT's action plan after state-owned [Energy Efficiency Services Ltd \(EESL\)](#) brought up the issue of an electronic chip and printed circuit board (PCB or motherboard) scarcity impeding domestic production of electric metres. "India will be one of those top 6-7 partners which will have semiconductor manufacturing. It will happen very soon," Sharma said. Speaking at a conference on technology transfer by C-DAC, Thiruvananthapuram for local manufacturing of smart meters and electric chargers, Sharma said Meity has taken lead in technology development, be it electronic or automotive sector, artificial intelligence.

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