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Investment, Trade, and Industry Minister Tengku Datuk Seri Zafrul Tengku Abdul Aziz speaking after officiating at the Ipoh Barat Umno Division delegates' meeting. PIC BY L. MANIMARAN

UP TO JUNE 25

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**IPOH:** The number of electric vehicle (EV) charging stations nationwide increased by 12.5 per cent up to June 25, compared with the first quarter of this year, driven by the government's efforts to reduce bureaucratic hurdles in the installation process.

Investment, Trade and Industry Minister Tengku Datuk Seri Zafrul Tengku Abdul Aziz said previously, approvals involved numerous agencies and ministries, including the Energy Commission, local authorities, and Fire and Rescue Department.

"The increase over the past two

to three months has been significant. Initially, there were approval challenges, but meetings chaired by Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Fadillah Yusof successfully streamlined the process.

"We now have a one-stop centre to speed things up," he said after officiating at the Ipoh Barat Umno Division delegates' meeting on Saturday.

Tengku Zafrul added that the government was maintaining its target to have 10,000 EV charging stations nationwide, and raised the target for Direct Current (DC)

Fast Charging units from 1,000 to 1,500 this year.

"While DC chargers are costlier to install, they are essential due to high demand from the public."

The Low Carbon Mobility Action Plan 2021-2030, announced in 2020, aims to establish 10,000 EV chargers by next year, comprising 9,000 Alternating Current chargers and 1,000 DC chargers.

According to the Investment, Trade and Industry Ministry, 2,585 EV chargers have been installed nationwide up to June 25, excluding the Federal Territory of Labuan. **Bernama**