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## Mandatory Transit Pass for Minerals in Bihar | Bihar | 19 Mar 2026

### Why in News?

The **Bihar Government** has made it compulsory for all commercial vehicles carrying **minor minerals** from other states to obtain a **Transit Pass** before entering the state in order to curb illegal mining, ensure transparency, and increase revenue collection.

### Key Points:

- **New Transit Pass Rule:** Under the **Bihar Minerals (Prevention of Illegal Mining, Transportation and Storage) Rules, 2019**, the state has introduced a rule requiring all vehicles entering Bihar with **minor minerals** such as sand, stones, stone chips, morrum, and stone dust to secure a **Transit Pass (TP)**.
- **Objective:** The move aims to **plug revenue leakages, curb illegal mining and transportation**, and **digitally track mineral movement** across borders.
  - **E-Governance Initiative:** Digital tracking of mineral transport through Transit Pass, real-time logging and CCTV monitoring ensures transparency.
  - **Inter-State Coordination:** Regulates cross-border mineral movement from states like Jharkhand, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal.
  - **Environmental Regulation:** Helps curb illegal mining and promotes sustainable use of mineral resources.
- **Fee Structure:** Transaction enforcement includes a regulatory fee: **₹60 per metric tonne** if charged by weight and **₹85 per cubic metre** if measured by volume.
- **Reason:** Bihar has seen a massive **infrastructure push** in recent years — such as the **Patna Metro, expressways and major bridges** — which has increased the demand for construction materials not sufficiently available within the state.
  - Consequently, Bihar depends on **imports from neighbouring states like Jharkhand, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal**.
- **Impact:** The system is expected to **increase state revenue, reduce black-market trade**, and improve **accountability in mineral transportation**, though transit fees may slightly raise material costs for construction projects.

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