



Rural transport policy pilot project to be launched soon

Why In News?

On April 11, 2022, Madhya Pradesh Transport Commissioner Mukesh Jain, during a discussion with the officials on the implementation of rural transport policy, said that under the proposed new transport policy, the Rural Transport Credit (RTC) model will be implemented as a pilot project from May 1, 2022, for the next 6 months. Instructions have been given by the state government to implement this project in Vidisha district.

Key Points

- It is worth mentioning that in order to provide easy and cheap public transport service in rural areas, a new rural transport policy has been proposed by the Transport Department in collaboration with Atal Bihari Vajpayee Institute of Good Governance and Policy Analysis, Bhopal. If this pilot project is successful, it is planned to be rolled out in the entire state.
- It is noteworthy that the Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan had given instructions to bring a transport policy for the smooth functioning of the transport system in rural areas.
- A total of 76 rural roads have been identified in Vidisha district for rural transport, whose total length is 1513 km.
- 546 villages are located in and around these rural roads, which will benefit 4 lakh 70 thousand rural population from the proposed policy.
- Under the proposed rural transport policy, vehicles of 7+1 to 20+1 seating capacity will be allowed to operate on the route.
- Vehicles operated for this rural transport service will be fully exempted from the monthly motor vehicle tax payable under the Madhya Pradesh Motor Vehicles Act, 1991.
- Apart from this, against the rural transport credit earned by the operators of the vehicles operated continuously for 6 months as a transport service, the incentive amount will be provided to the vehicle operator in the next 6 months.
- Under this scheme interested vehicle operators can apply for a permit to operate a vehicle on any one of the 76 rural roads or on more than one interconnected route by coming to the District Transport Office or visiting the website of the Transport Department on having a valid form.

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