

Amendments to the Central Motor Vehicle Rules

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In News: Recently, The **Ministry of Road Transport and Highways** released several draft amendments to the Central Motor Vehicles Rules, 1989.

These include the following amendments:

Concession in tax

- Draft amendments to the 1989 Rules propose giving tax concessions to vehicles registered against a certificate of vehicle scrapping.
- The certificate will be issued by a registered vehicle scrapping facility after the scrapping of a vehicle.
- In case of non-transport vehicles, the concession will be up to 25% of motor vehicle tax, and will be available for up to 15 years from the date of registration.
- For transport vehicles, the concession will be up to 15% of the tax and will be available for up to eight years from the date of registration.

Fees for registration

- The 1989 Rules lay down fees and other documents including letters of ownership and authority required for issuing registration certificates.
- The draft Rules seek to
 - Increase fees for issuing and renewing certificates of registration,
 - Specify fees for conducting fitness tests and grant renewal of fitness certificates for vehicles older than 15 years.⁷⁵

Fuel

- The draft amendments propose that the safety requirements for certain vehicles running on anhydrous ethanol or blends of ethanol with gasoline be established in accordance with Automotive Industry Standards.