

PRESS NOTE

Amendments in Central Motor Vehicle Rules to include a new category for Quadricycle.

A meeting was held today on 22nd May 2013 under the chairmanship of Shri Vijay Chhibber, Secretary (Road Transport & Highways) to discuss the issue of amendment of the Central Motor Vehicle Rules (CMVR) to include Quadricycle, as an additional category of vehicle, to be manufactured and registered in the country. The meeting was attended by representatives of Ministry of Heavy Industry, ARAI, and iCAT.

It was decided that a separate category be proposed for notification to include Quadricycle with specifications adopting present norms notified in the 3-wheeler category(L5) in the CMVR OR the European Union (EU) Quadricycle, whichever is more stringent. For future, revised norms for this category as notified by European Union from time to time for Quadricycle shall be made applicable six months from the date of implementation of the revised European Union norms after due diligence.

These vehicles will be safer than the 3-wheeler as they will be 4-wheeler vehicles with fully enclosed body structure with hard top and doors. It was also decided that this category of vehicle be recommended for registration under commercial transport category for intra-city movement within the municipal limits only. For identification, symbol "Q" will be prominently displayed on the body of these quadricycles. It was also proposed that such vehicles be permitted to be driven only by licensed driver, after due registration.

The Quadricycle is expected to be a substantial upgrade over the 3-wheeler auto which currently provides for the last mile connectivity in most urban areas of the country.