



6 Automated Vehicle Testing Stations to be set up in Haryana | Haryana | 21 Oct 2022

Why In News?

- On October 20, 2022, Haryana Chief Secretary Sanjeev Kaushal, while chairing a meeting of the Committee of Secretaries, informed that **six automated vehicle testing stations will be set up in the state for fitness check of vehicles through Automated Testing Stations (ATS).**

Key Point

- Chief Secretary Sanjeev Kaushal said that these stations will be set up in **Ambala, Faridabad, Hisar, Karnal, Gurugram and Rewari** districts. These stations are likely to cost around Rs 116 crore.
- He said that these stations will be built on **PPP mode** and it has been made mandatory by the central government to conduct fitness tests of heavy goods vehicles and heavy passenger vehicles from ATS from April 1, 2023. Apart from this, it is proposed to be implemented for medium goods vehicles, passenger vehicles and light freight vehicles from June 1, 2024. Therefore, it has become very important to set up automated testing stations in the state.
- He said that in future, the scrap policy is also being considered to be linked to these automated testing stations, the vehicles which will not have fitness test from these stations will go directly to the scrap.
- It was informed in the meeting that at present a vehicle fitness station is operating in Rohtak. In addition, 6 more new stations will be built. These stations will be designed in line with the vision of the next 20 years and will be built in 3 lanes, 4 lanes or 6 lanes.
- The ATS uses several machines to automatically check the fitness of the vehicle and many new equipment can also be added in the future to check electric vehicles. The ATS conducts all the necessary tests automatically to check the fitness of the vehicle through mechanical equipment.
- It was informed in the meeting that a draft has also been prepared to provide facilities for the people coming to get the fitness check of vehicles done in these stations. These will have facilities like ATM, lounge, cafeteria etc.