



27 Proposals got Approval in the Cabinet Meeting

Why In News?

On October 30, 2023, 27 out of 30 proposals were approved in the cabinet meeting chaired by Uttarakhand Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhama. These include a scheme to link 1600 types of herbs with livelihood in 12 thousand van panchayats.

Key Points:

- To keep the climate of the state safe, the state cabinet has approved a plan to promote solar heaters and remove junk vehicles spewing poisonous smoke from the roads.
- **If you sell junk vehicles, you will get a discount on buying a new vehicle.**
 - Vehicles that are 15 years old will be sold for scrap in the state. This discount will be 15 percent for buying a new vehicle for commercial vehicles and 25 percent for private vehicles.
 - The Cabinet has approved the scrap policy. The central government will also provide a special assistance of Rs 50 crore for the implementation of the policy.
- **50 percent subsidy will be given for installing solar heaters in homes**
 - The Cabinet has approved the Solar Water Heater Grant Scheme, in which if domestic consumers install solar heaters in their homes, then the government will give up to 50 percent subsidy for this. At the same time, 30 percent subsidy will be given on commercial use. Also, there will be a discount of Rs 150 per liter in the electricity bill.
 - The scheme was discontinued in 2014.
- **More than 6000 employees have a chance to join the old pension**
 - About 6000 employees serving in the new pension scheme will get a chance to join the old pension scheme, whose recruitment release and notification was issued before October 1, 2005.
 - The state cabinet has adopted the option given by the central government in March 2023.
- **Thousands of check dams to be built in the mountains, authority approves**
 - Thousands of check dams will be built in 11 hilly districts of the state for the use of rainwater. This will help prevent damage from rainwater in the low-lying plains.
 - For this, the Cabinet has approved the Ping and River Rejuvenation Authority (SARA) under the Directorate of Water Resources.
- **Uniform allowance of 35,000 Class IV employees increased**
 - About 35,000 class IV employees posted in the departments of the state except the secretariat will get uniform allowance of Rs 2400 every year. So far, in two years, a uniform allowance of Rs 4000 has been received in pants, shirts and other different items. The Cabinet has approved the proposal.
 - Also, in the typing test for becoming a driver-turned-clerk, a standard of 2400 words has been made in place of 4000 words.
- **If you pass 8th standard ITI, then only Hindi exams will have to be given in high school.**
 - Students who have passed class 8 in the state who complete the two-year course of ITI will not be required to take the full high school examination. To pass class 10, they only have to pass the Hindi exam.
 - Similarly, class 10 students will be able to pass only Hindi examination after doing ITI and do 12th.
- **Rs 628 crore herbal production scheme approved in van panchayats**

- The Cabinet has approved a scheme worth Rs 628 crore in two phases to promote herb production in 12,000 forest panchayats of the state.
- This scheme will be implemented in 5000 hectares in two phases for 10 years. Under this, emphasis will be laid on increasing the livelihood of local people.

▪ **Other major cabinet decisions**

- Investment process will be easier in tourism policy, single window system implemented
- Cabinet approves amendment in policy for expansion of industries
- Powers given to District Magistrate for construction of new cow houses and animal protection
- IAS, IRS and senior PCS officers to become Additional Tax Commissioner
- ADB's project for upgradation of powerhouse was approved.
- Cabinet approves setting up of Rajaji Tiger Conservation Foundation on the lines of Corbett
- Govt to provide 3 per cent subsidy under Mukhyamantri Matsya Sampada Yojana
- Prison manual to be made based on model jail manual

