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## PRESS NOTE



### **Press Release for Signing of MoU between the Central Institute of Road Transport and the Transport Department, Government of Punjab**

**Press Release:** The Transport Department, Government of Punjab took a major step towards enhancing the road worthiness of vehicles, improving road safety and reducing vehicular emissions by signing a Memorandum of Understanding with the Central Institute of Road Transport (CIRT) at Chandigarh on 18<sup>th</sup> May 2015. The MoU was signed by Shri Ashwini Kumar, IAS, State Transport Commissioner, Punjab on behalf of Government of Punjab and Shri Abhay Damle, IRS, Director, CIRT on behalf of CIRT in the presence of Shri Harmail Singh, Additional Transport Commissioner and Shri S S Khokhar, Mechanical Engineer and other officials from the Transport Department, Government of Punjab at Chandigarh.

The MoU envisages the Transport Department, Government of Punjab and CIRT jointly addressing the serious issue of road worthiness of vehicles in the current scenario by establishing a network of Authorised Testing Station (ATS) Centres all over the state where all the commercial vehicles can be tested for fitness on PPP basis. Road accident deaths in India are estimated to be around 1.4 lac every year with many more seriously injured. A large number of vehicles in India are not in a roadworthy state with poor maintenance and servicing of old vehicles not only damaging the environment but also posing a major safety hazard on roads. The compliance with vehicle emission norms for air quality improvement is directly dependent on the implementation and enforcement of an effective vehicle inspection system.

The specified fitness parameters are checked only visually by the State Transport Department as the required infrastructure and manpower to check these parameters objectively are not available with the departments and it requires huge investments. In this scenario, the Punjab Government has decided to set ATS Centers on PPP basis where all the commercial vehicles (HCVs, LCVs, MCVs, taxis & 3 wheelers) can be tested for fitness parameters like Brakes, Headlight, Suspension, Wheel Alignment, Emissions, Speedometer including above and under carriage inspection. CIRT shall assist the Punjab Government in planning, erection, installation, commissioning and operations of these centers through a PPP model by offering its technical assistance.

The signing of this landmark MoU, would not only be beneficial to both the organizations, but it would go a long way in enhancing the environmental quality and road safety in order to ensure safety and health of citizens in the entire state. These centres will be beneficial for all the stakeholders like the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways, Transport Department of Punjab, Commercial Vehicle Owners, General Public at large, etc. The MoU comes as a timely step in the right direction and the Transport Department, Government of Punjab's initiative is commendable.

The MoU aims at ensuring an effective and automated system minimizing human intervention which would be able to improve the inefficient practices prevalent in the present manual system of inspection and certification ensuring a cleaner and safer environment. The Transport Department would be providing

land along with administration and basic utilities and shall have agreements with vendor(s) for establishing and operating the centers. CIRT shall offer all technical assistance in finalizing the equipment and specifications, selecting the vendor(s), preparing block layout diagrams, monitoring the overall execution of the project through inspections & audits of centers and identified garages.

CIRT is a joint association of the Ministry of Road Transport & Highways (MoRTH) and the Association of State Road Transport Undertakings (ASRTU) established in 1967. As a technical organ of the MoRTH, CIRT is committed to improving the performance of transport sector. CIRT carries out vehicle certification activities under Central Motor Vehicle Rules (CMVR) Regulations and offers automobile & component testing facilities to the automobile and component manufacturers in the country. CIRT manages the bus body accreditation system in the south and western regions of the country and is accredited by NABL for its testing facilities. CIRT also offers research, consultancy and training services to the transport sector covering management, operations, maintenance, policy, planning and management information systems.



*Left to Right: Shri Harmail Singh, Shri Ashwini Kumar, IAS, Shri Abhay Damle, IRS and Shri S S Khokhar*

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### **CIRT & FEV India Join Hands**

*On 19<sup>th</sup> June 2015, Central Institute of Road Transport, Pune and FEV, Chakan collaborated for Powertrain Certification. Now because of this association we can provide complete Vehicle Certification along with Emission to the automotive industry. Henceforth Powertrain facilities of FEV will be shared by CIRT for Certification purpose. We hope to exceed all the expectations of our customers.*



*Left to Right :Mr.Mudit Gandhi, Mr. D.P. Saste, CIRT ,Mr. Sushil Berry,  
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