

Press Release

Chandigarh, December 22:- "Plying of non LPG auto rickshaws will not be allowed after 31st March, 2010," disclosed Shri Ram Niwas, Home-cum-Secretary Transport after the meeting to review the progress of conversion of non LPG rickshaws into LPG autos.

The Home Secretary informed that liberal financial assistance have been arranged from Delhi Financial Corporation and other financial institutions through tripartite agreement in which cheap finance is being provided with no collateral security and third party guarantee. Till date 2820 permissions have been granted for the purchase of LPG auto rickshaws out of which, 1900 LPG auto rickshaws have already been started plying on UT roads. However, no non-LPG auto rickshaw will be allowed after 31st March, 2010 to enter UT's territory. The auto rickshaws plying from Panchkula and Mohali must convert themselves or replace with LPG auto rickshaw and get them countersigned from the Secretary, State Transport Authority, Chandigarh before 31st March, as after this date no countersigning or permission will be given to any auto rickshaw owner.

It was also informed by the Deputy Commissioner that adequate LPG is available to meet the requirement of additional auto rickshaws and two new LPG Filling Stations are going to be set up in Sector 21-D and Sector 38(W) by CITCO in collaboration by IOC.

It was further decided to intensify the campaign to impound Auto rickshaws which are plying without electronic meters. It was also decided that all auto rickshaws in city should display the phone number of the STA and approved rate list on the auto rickshaw and should not charge any amount other than the approved list.