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#### **Why in news?**

Ministry of Road Transport and Highways has notified Bharat “BH” series of registration to free vehicle owners from the hassle of relocating a vehicle.

#### **What was the earlier process of relocating a vehicle from one state to the other?**

Under Section 47 of the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988, a person is allowed to keep the vehicle for 12 months in any state outside the registered state. New registration has to be made within 12 months

- A No Objection Certificate (NOC) has to be acquired from the state where the vehicle is registered i.e. “parent state”.
- The vehicle must be re-registered in the state where it is relocated
- There is also issue of paying road tax to the new state.
- This charge is collected for 15 years upfront by the parent state and it has to refund the remaining 10 years’ road tax.

#### **What is the new BH series all about?**

- It is a new system of registration of vehicles designed to reduce the red-tape.
- Vehicles bearing the BH registration mark will not require to be re-registered in a new state once it relocates
- It will be completely online and will come into force from September 15 this year

#### **• Eligibility**

1. Anyone who is a government/PSU employee, state or Centre
2. In private sector, an employee of a company that has offices in at least four states/UTs is eligible on voluntary basis

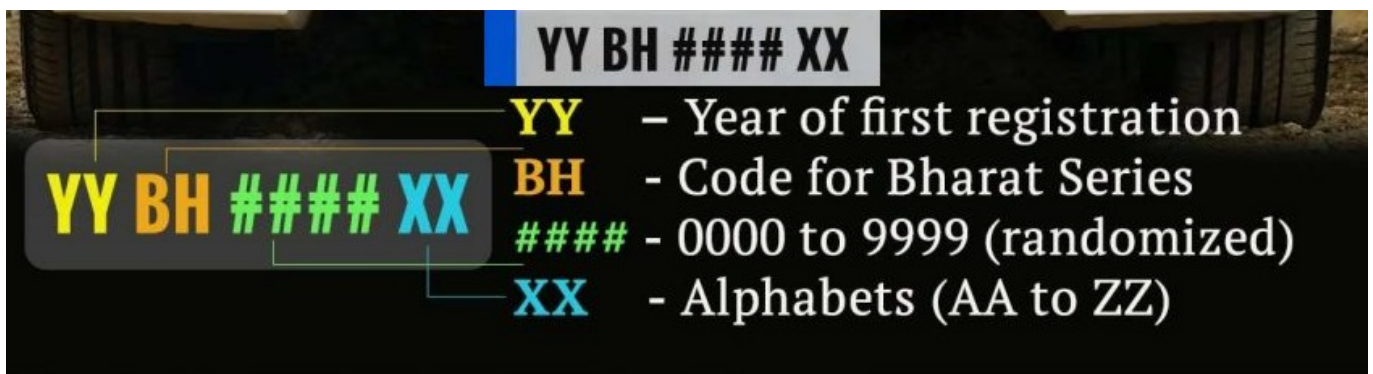
#### **• System of tax payment**

1. The motor vehicle tax will be levied for 2 years or in multiple of 2

- instead of paying the 15 years' tax upfront
2. After the completion of 14<sup>th</sup> year, the tax shall be levied annually which shall be half of the amount which was charged earlier

• **Road tax**

1. Road tax will be charged at 8% if the cost of the vehicle is below Rs 10 lakh
2. It is 10% for those costing between Rs 10-20 lakh.
3. And for vehicles costing more than Rs 20 lakh, the tax is 12 per cent
4. Diesel vehicles will be charged 2% extra
5. Electric vehicles shall be charged 2 per cent less tax



**What are the benefits of BH Series?**

- Facilitate free movement of personal vehicles across any state in India
- Ease the ownership transfer of used vehicles
- Reduces the tax burden associated with relocation
- Hassle free online system promotes transparency in the procedure
- Incentives to electric vehicles paves way towards sustainable India

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