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### New autos must use LPG or CNG

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*Move aimed at checking air pollution*



The government is keen on making smoke-spewing autorickshaws in the city a thing of the past. —file photo

In a major step to reduce vehicular pollution in the twin cities, the government has made it mandatory for all new autorickshaws registered hereafter at the offices of the Regional Transport Authority (RTA) to use liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) or compressed natural gas (CNG).

Simultaneously, the government has permitted registration of 3,500 new autos run on any of the two fuels, for being plied in GHMC area.

With this, the total number of autos permitted for being operated in the GHMC area, including those presently run on petrol, will go up to 77,035.

A total of 68,469 are being operated in Hyderabad-Secunderabad area and 5,066 in the peripheral areas lying in Ranga Reddy district.

A transport official told this correspondent that a sizeable number out of the existing autos were already being run on LPG or CNG.

“Our ultimate goal is to convert all autos in GHMC area into vehicles run on LPG or CNG.”

#### **SC/ST applicants**

An order issued by the Transport Department on Thursday said 500 out of 3,500 autos being permitted afresh for registration as vehicles run on LPG/CNG, would be from applicants belonging to Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribes.

The registration, however, would have to be made before January 31, 2012.

- **State permits registration of 3,500 new autos**
- **Presently 73535 autos operate in city and RR district**

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