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TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT
GOVERNMENT OF SIKKIM
YATAYAAT BHAWAN,GANGTOK -737101

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NOTIFICATION

Whereas, the Government of Sikkim upon the concurrence of the state cabinet hereby notify the "Sikkim Electric Vehicle Policy,2023" which shall come in to force with immediate effect.

1. **DEFINATION:**
   i. 'Government' means the Government of Sikkim, unless specified otherwise
   ii. 'State' means the State of Sikkim
   iii. 'Department' means Transport Department
   iv. 'policy' means the Sikkim Electric Vehicle Policy, 2021
   v. ' electric operated vehicle' means a vehicle which is powered exclusively by an electric motor; whose traction energy is supplied exclusively by traction battery installed in the vehicle;

2. Background

Sikkim, a Himalayan state in Northeastern India, is proud to be carbon-neutral and carbon-negative, as per the carbon footprint developed under the Sikkim Climate Inventory and Monitoring System. This is due largely to the facts that 82% of the State's total area of 7,096 square kilometers is covered by forest and hydropower makes up nearly 80% of the State's installed power capacity. However, over the past decade, carbon emissions in the State have been on the rise. According to the State's greenhouse gas (GHG) emission inventory, the transport sector accounts for 61% of the State's GHG emissions. With new vehicle registrations growing at a rate of over 10% per year recently, the State must prioritize adoption of cleaner vehicles. Owing to the State's abundant hydropower resource and reasonable electricity tariffs, electric vehicles (EVs) represent a promising solution, as noted in the Sikkim State Climate Action Plan. Therefore, the State has prepared the Sikkim State Electric Vehicle Policy 2023 to promote the transition to EVs and ensure that the economy and key industries, such as eco-tourism, may grow without compromising the State's carbon-neutral and carbon-negative status.

3. Vision and Mission:

i. The state envisions to sustain the carbon neutral and carbon negative status by encouraging and adopting the demands of electric vehicle utilization across various segments (personal and commercial).

ii. To safeguard the environment by promoting and mandating the adaptation of green mode of energy for mobility.

iii. To develop a new platform of employment opportunities in the state.

4. Objective:

i. To transform the state government owned conventional vehicle fleets to electric vehicle in a phased manner.

ii. To promote eco-tourism of the state through introducing the model concept of green mobility fleets.

iii. To develop a conducive environment for all the stakeholders to accelerate the demand of electric vehicles in the state.

5. Strategies:

i. Provision to establish a dedicated "Electric Vehicle Cell" which shall enact to monitor the day-to-day operative achievement under supervision of technical expertise post to implementation of this policy.

ii. Provision to constitute a "State Electric Vehicle Board" which shall act as an apex body for effective implementation of policy, grant of incentive and fixation of tariffs.

6. Incentives:

i. To waive off the registration fee and road tax as applicable on electric operated vehicle.

ii. The Additional applicable 4% tax will be reduced to 1% for all non-commercial electric operated vehicle and for all commercial electric operated vehicle shall be entirely waive off..

7. Charging Infrastructure:

i. The space for installation of electric vehicle charging station within Gangtok city shall be provide by Gangtok Municipal Corporation.

ii. The requirement of Power supply shall be provided by Power Department, Government of Sikkim.

8. Policy Validity:

The policy will be valid for a period five years from the date of issue in the Sikkim Gazette.

By order

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