

# Licence must to ply taxis in Bihar

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**PATNA:** Taxi aggregators groups like Ola and Uber will now have to take licence for operating on the roads of Bihar.

The state government on Thursday issued notification of the Bihar taxi aggregator operational directives, 2019, and made it clear that no company would be allowed to operate their cabs and motor bike taxis without licence.

Disclosing it on Saturday, state's transport secretary Sanjay Kumar Agrawal said licence for operation would be given for three years, subject to renewal.

The licensed vehicles having



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proper fitness, insurance and pollution control certificates would be available for hire 24x7.

People hiring cabs or motor bike taxis would be required to pay a charge to be fixed by the

government.

Agrawal said the government would notify the minimum and maximum fares which would be available on digital platforms.

"It is a big step with the con-

cept of shared mobility. Today, people prefer to move in vehicles hassle-free. Easy booking through mobile phone and availability within minutes of cabs and motorbike taxis with fares fixed by the government would facilitate people of both urban and rural areas," Agrawal said.

Besides having other security features, the taxis, under the new directives, would have to display inside phone number of the district transport office, police and women helpline so that in case of emergency or any untoward incident, the passengers may call for help.

The drivers of licensed cabs would also have to wear uniform prescribed by the agency.