

CIRCULAR NO. 07/2006

Sub : - Motor Vehicle Department - Body building of vehicles - registration and permit issue - Instructions issued - reg.

Ref : - 1. Circular No. 14/2003 dated 10.03.03 of Transport Commissioner, Thiruvananthapuram.
2. Government letter No. 7237/B2/2006/Tran Dated 29.07.2006.

It has come to notice that some among the registering authorities in the State are entertaining applications for registration of vehicles with body constructed in violated of the prototype test certificate (Type Approval certificate). Some registering authorities register such vehicles while some others do not. Several complaints are also being received stating that vehicles with bodies built deviating from the dimensions of the prototype are registered.

Attention of all concerned are invited to Section 52 of Motor Vehicles Act which states that "No owner of a Motor Vehicle shall so alter the Vehicle that the particulars contained in the certificate of registration are at variance with those originally specified by the manufacturer. Particulars originally furnished by the manufacturers are contained in Type Approval Certificate. Out of the Particulars specified by the manufacturer, certain Particulars such as type of body, seating capacity, unladen weight, gross vehicle weight, axle weight, tyre size inter alia figure in the certificate of registration. The unstable construction of the body especially extending of chassis is likely to affect the safety of the passengers as well as other road users. It is pointed out by the Government that many applications for exemption from prescribed body dimensions are being received by them. Government want to ensure that the body of the vehicles is built in strict compliance with the specifications given by the manufacturer and the process of Government exemption shall be discouraged.

Therefore all Registering Authorities are directed to ensure that the vehicles which are built in accordance with the prescribed specifications alone are registered. All concerned are directed to see that the provisions of Motor Vehicle Act and Rules are followed meticulously and strictly. Any failure noticed in this regard will be viewed very seriously and appropriate departmental action will be initiated against the concerned.

The receipt of the circular shall be acknowledged.

Sd/-
Transport Commissioner