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CIRCULAR NO. 11/2000

Sub:- Motor Vehicles Act and Rules - Issue of Driving Licence to persons holding valid driving licence issued from foreign countries - instructions issued.

Ref:- Circular No.3/2000.

As per the Circular referred to above, instructions had been given regarding the procedure for issue of Driving Licence to those persons who are in possession of valid Driving Licence of Foreign Countries. In the above mentioned circular, it was clarified that persons in possession of valid driving licences of alien countries will be exempted from learners licence and test of competence to drive, while applying for Driving Licence. But as per clause (iii) of Sub Section 3 of Section 9, persons in possession of valid Driving Licences issued by a competent authority of any foreign country will be exempted from the test of competence to drive while applying for Driving Licence. But there is no provision in the Act or Rules for exempting a person from obtaining a Learner's Licence while applying for a Driving Licence. Moreover according to Rule 14 of the C.M.V.Rules, an application for a Driving Licence shall be accompanied by an effective Learner's Licence. This invariably means that such persons should undergo and pass the learners test as prescribed in Sub-section (5) of Section (8) of Motor Vehicles Act 1988.

It is therefore clarified that any applicant who holds a valid driving licence issued by a competent authority of any country outside India and who is desirous of applying for a Driving Licence in India under Section 9(3)(iii) has necessarily to obtain a Learner's Licence as per Section (8) of Motor Vehicles Act read with Rule 14 of Central Rules.

Circular No.3/2000 is hereby cancelled.

Receipt of this circular will be acknowledged.


Transport Commissioner.

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