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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
Ministry of Surface Transport
(Passenger Wing)

New Delhi, the 31st July 1990.

No. RT-11011/1/88-TAG.

To
The Transport Secretaries/
Transport Commissioner of all States/
Union Territories.

Subject: Clarification regarding application of section 52 of the Motor Vehicles Act for the purpose of pick up vans on conversion as non-transport vehicle.

Sir,

I am directed to say that a reference has been received in this Ministry seeking clarification as to whether the transport vehicle like a pick-up van viz. Tata 206 (Tata Mobile) can be converted into a non-transport vehicle. There have been cases where pick up vans are sought to be converted into passenger cars by making structural changes in the vehicles and applications have been received by some registering authorities from individuals to permit such changes on the ground that they come within the ambit of alteration contemplated by Section 52 of the M.V. Act. The pick up vans and similar light commercial vehicles are manufactured after they undergo prototype tests and it is intended to be used only for the purpose for which the prototype have been tested. Unless the prototype testing also covers the use of the vehicle as a passenger car, the same vehicle cannot be altered and got registered as a passenger vehicles.

2. The above position may be brought to the notice of all STAs/RTAs.

Yours faithfully,
Sd/-

(P. Vijayan)
Dy. Secy. to the Govt. of India,
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GOVERNMENT OF KERALA
Public Works and Transport (M) Department.
Endt. No. 37773/M3/90/PW&T Dated 27.8.1990.

May be communicated to the Transport Commissioner for information and further action.

S. Lalithambika Devi,
Under Secretary.

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Section Officer.
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Endt. No. C6/15005/TC/90 dated 31.10.90.

Copy communicated to Secretary, STA., Sr. DTC (Tax), All DTCs, RTOs and JRTOs for necessary action.

Sd/-
K.N. PRABHAKARAN NAIR,
Sr. Dy. Transport Commissioner,
For Transport Commissioner.

Approved for Issue,

Senior Superintendent.