Copy of letter No.RT-11036/13/97-MVL dated 24th July 1998 from Ministry of Surface Transport, New Delhi to Transport Commissioners/Secretaries of All State Governments and Union Territories.

Sub:- Registration_of vehicles designed to carry 6/12 passengers plus driver.

I am to say that it has been brought to the notice of this Ministry by some vehicle manufacturers that the vehicles with carrying capacity of six to twelve passengers and procured by them for use by their officers in connection with their official duty are being treated/registered as transport vehicles. As a rest of this categorization such vehicles require permit and cannot be conveniently used by such executive while commuting from one state to other. It has been represented that such vehicles should be registered as non-transport vehicles since these are not being used for hire or reward.

2. I am to further say that the matter has been examined in detail. It is seen that any such vehicle falling under the definition of private service vehicle as per Section 2(33) of the Motor Vehicle Act can also be registered as non_transport vehicle if there is a clear indication by the applicant company that the vehicle will be used for pricate purposes only, unconnected with any hire or reward.

It is once again clarified that all such vehicles if registered in the name of any company should be categorized as non-transport vehicles. As a matter of further caution registering authorities may take an undertaking from the applicant that such a vehicle shall be used only for private purposes and not for any hire or reward. However the registering authorities may use their discretion in case of applications from any company having a tourist travel business.

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