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To

Chief Secretary

The Chief Secretaries of All the State Governments and Union Territories.

Subject: Advisory regarding regulation of electric motor propelled three-wheeled rickshaws (e-Rickshaws).

Madam/Sir,

The Ministry of Road Transport & Highways has on request from some of the State has through the Motor Vehicle (Amendment) Act 2015; No 3 of 2015 amended the Act to include Section 2A defining e-cart of e-rickshaws. The amendment has also added a proviso in Section 7 of the principal Act to relax the eligibility for providing licence to the drivers of such e-cart or e-rickshaws.

2. Through amendments GSR 709 (E) dated 08.10.2014, S.O. 2590 (E) dated 08.10.2014 and GSR 27 (E) dated 13.01.2015 this Ministry has specified standards, testing requirements, registration and the driving licence criteria for e-cart and e-rickshaws. The above mentioned amendments have tried to facilitate movement of cleaner-fuelled, affordable vehicles which can provide last mile connectivity. These will also mitigate hardship to the citizens earning livelihood through manually pulled three wheeled rickshaws and carts.

3. The State Government/UTs are advised to undertake the following steps with respect to regulating e-carts and e-rickshaws:

-) E-rickshaw has been created as separate category under MVA and being promoted for replacing manual labored rickshaw. The speedy process of licensing and registration shall result in creating respectful livelihood opportunities for poor manual rickshaw Pullers. This will also help in providing women and differently-abled person opportunities for engaging in meaningful employment. E- rickshaw will also help in reducing pollution levels in cities.
- (ii) After the manufacturer or the association obtains a type approval certification the vehicles be registered as per the provisions of the CMVR, 1989.
- (iii) The e-rickshaws or e-carts are now new categories to be created in the transport vehicle domain. Further they are entirely new categories and should not be grouped with three-wheeled auto-rickshaw or any other similar vehicles; as the purpose of these vehicles is to provide last mile connectivity.
- (iv) The eligible persons should be given training in road traffic rules & signs and driving of such vehicle.
- (v) The State Governments/UTs may decide to give permission for movement of such vehicles to only those vehicle which are owned by the drivers of such vehicles themselves, under Chapter V of the Motor Vehicle Act, 1988.
- (vi) The State Governments/UTs should specify the route of such vehicles and whether they can move on a particular road or stretch of road or in a particular area, but should not restrict the numbers of such vehicle, so as to provide the intended last mile connectivity.
- (vii) The State Governments/UTs may notify the areas, roads or routes with respect to Cities as categorized in Category-A of Annexure-1 and delegate the power to notify the same for the cities in Categories B & C or other areas to the Local Authorities.

A copy of the policy notified by the State Government and Status of rickshaw licenses granted and e-rickshaw registered may be furnished to his Ministry for information and record.

Yours sincerely,



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For Transport Commissioner

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