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Sir,

Sub:- Registration of articulated vehicles - clarification regarding.

I am directed to say that it has been brought to the notice of this Ministry that in the absence of proper clarifications, some State Transport Departments are insisting on registration of articulated vehicles as two separate units, with separate registration number for the prime-mover and the semi-trailer. Similarly both the units of an articulated vehicles are being separately taxed, which has resulted in double taxation in certain cases. This matter has been examined in this Ministry keeping in view the amendments proposed to section 66(2) of the Motor Vehicles Act and also the recent notification reclassifying the types of vehicles in terms of section 41(4) of the Motor Vehicles Act. The position has emerged as follows:-

(i) An articulated vehicle is a combination of primemover and semi-trailer for movement on road. (Section 2(2)).

(ii) Prime-mover has not been separately defined and is only a part of a motor vehicle called articulated vehicle.

(iii) A semi-trailer is not a trailer. The semi-trailer is not a motor vehicle. It is not eligible for independent registration as section 61 makes no mention about semi-trailers.

(iv) The Government has decided to allow inter-changeability of trailers and semi-trailers by amending section 66.

2. In view of the foregoing it is suggested that

(a) One registration mark as for a transport vehicle should be assigned to an articulated vehicle comprising of primemover and a semi-trailer hitched into it. Any additional or alternate trailers can be indicated by the applicant in Form 20 and by the registering authorities in Form 23.

(b) No semi-trailer may be assigned separate registration mark. The particulars of semi-trailer(s) will be mentioned in Forms 20 and 23.

(c) The tax may be levied on the sum total of the unladen weight of the prime-mover and the GVW of the semi-trailer. In case a number of alternate semi-trailers are also being registered with the prime-mover, the GVW of the trailer which is the highest should be accounted for this purpose.

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(d) The articulated vehicle comprising of the prime-mover and a semi-trailer is to be registered under Transport Registration Mark and Transport (Goods Carriage) Vehicle as a whole.

(e) when prime-mover and semi-trailers of different registered articulated vehicle are used under the provisions of section 66(2) (Interchanged and used) the registration mark of the articulated vehicle to which the prime-mover belongs will be exhibited on the prime-mover, and the registration mark of the articulated vehicle to which the semi-trailer belongs will be exhibited on the semi-trailer.

(f) The age of an articulated vehicle shall be reckoned with reference to the date of registration of prime-mover.

Yours faithfully,
Sd/-
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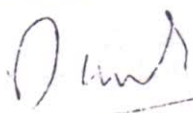
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