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Head Office,  
Motor Vehicles Department,  
Thiruvananthapuram,  
Date: 8.11.1998.

From

K.J.Joseph, IPS.  
Additional Director General of Police,  
Transport Commissioner.

To

The Regional Manager,  
The Oriental Insurance Company Ltd.  
Regional Office, Muthoor Towers,  
III Floor, P.B.No.3211,  
M.G.Road, Cochin-682035.

Sir,

Sub:- Use of LPG as alternate fuel.

Ref:- Your letter dated 11.9.98.

The above letter may be seen. The second provision of section 52 of Motor Vehicles Act mean that, use of LPG shall not be treated as alternation. Use of CNG, Battery, Solar power etc. will require the engine to be exclusively ~~run~~ on such sense of energy. Therefore it will amount to alteration (as in the case of from petrol to diesel). But in the case of LPG, it can be used as a 'stand by' or alternate fuel side by side with petrol (only) and the engine need not be exclusively designed or modified for use of LPG. Therefore the use of LPG as alternate fuel for petrol driven 4 wheelers may not require specific permission from the Regional Transport Officers.

However the question whether use of LPG as alternate fuel should be formally allowed or not is presently under the consideration of the Government of Kerala.

Yours faithfully,

*[Signature]*  
Senior Deputy Transport Commissioner,  
(Taxation)

For Transport Commissioner.

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