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CIRCULAR NU.16/98

Sub:- Lriving Licenses - conduct of tests - revised procedure - 26

Ref :- Circular No.7/97 dated 30.7.1997.

raking to consideration the ever increasing road accidents in the State, many of them caused by poor driving, it was decided to improve the cuality of tests for the issue of driving licences. Accordingly certain instructions were issued in Circular No.7/97 dated 30.7.1997. However, due to inadequacy the details, this Circular was later kept in abeyance.

Since then the migh wevel Committee appointed by the Government to propose measures to recuce road accidents, have made various recommendations regarding the issue of driving licences and the Government have approved these recommendations. Therefore, the entire procedure is examined aftern and rivised instructions are issued as follows:-

- 1. The Regional Transport Officer being the Licensing Authority will be responsible to ensure that the driving tests are conducted systematically and regorously in his junisdiction.
- 2. The number of testing grounds in each district and their locations will be notified by the Françort Commissioner from time to time.
- 3. Tests will be conjucted on all working days in one or other of the testing grounds in the distric.
- 4. A team constituted by the regional Transport Officer, consisting of one Motor Vehicle Inspector and one Asst. Motor Vehicle Inspector will jointly conduct the diving tests for issue of licence in respect of vehicles other than havy Motor Vehicles. Both the Officers will sign all the connecte papers except that the licence will te issued under the signature of one Assistant/Additional Licensing Authority.
- 5. Item constituted by the regional Transport Officer, consisting of one Joint Regional ransport Officer (technically cualified) and one Motor Vehicle aspector will joint conduct the driving tests in respect of Reavy Motor vehicles. Both the officers will sign all the connected papers except that the licence will be issued under the signature of one dditional/Licensing Authority.
- 6. The number of teams tote constituted by the Regional Transport Officers for each Listrat, for tests for Heavy Motor Vehicles and other cate ony of veicles will be notified by the Transport Commissioner from time o time.

- 7. Teams will be re-constituted with different Officers every month.
- 8. In districts having more than one team, the dates on which each team will conduct tests at various testing grounds will be ordered by the Regional Parsport Officer in order to avoid continuity of a team at a testing ground.
- g. Application for criving licence along with place copy learner's licence and a self addressed envelop (with stamps required for registered post) will be received in the Office of the Regional Transport Officer by Registered rost alone. All the applications received on a particular date will be entered in a register in the alphabetical order (English) of nodes of candidates.
- 10. A candidate will have the option to remit the fee either (a) at the time of applying for the learner's licence or (b) at the counter in the Office or (0) with the Officer concerned at the testing ground.
- Prensport Officer, cadidates will be assigned testing ground and afte (future date of tot less than 15 days interval), according to the order of seniority in the relister and a communication to that effect sent to the canidate by registered post using the envelop already received from the candidate.
- 12. On completion of the univing tests, those candidates who have passed the test will be issued with an acknowledgement mentioning the due date and the office concerned for collection of the driving licence in person.
 - 13. In case the diving licence is not collected in persons on the due date, it will be despatched to the addressee by registered post after the expiry of the next day.
 - No. candidate who has passed the test will be allowed to leave the testing ground before 11.0 n.m. (in order to enable super checking as prescribed hereafter).
 - Joint Regional Transport Oficers and above (technically qualified) in respect of vehicles othe tean heavy motor vehicle and by regional Transport Officer and above (technically qualified) in respect of Heavy motor Vehicle. Super thecking officers till make appropriate entries in the register against the serial numbers subjected to super check.
 - 16. Super check, if ar, by the Visilance Cell of this department and surrises check by officers of the Vigilance and anti-Corruption Eureau should also be conducted before 11.30 A.M.

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All Officers are instructed to realise the importance of issue of driving licence and the need for systematic and rigorous tests and to ensure that the above insttructions are implemented properly so that the qualifity of driving improves and rate of road accidents reduces.

keceipt of this Circular will be acknowledged. Pests accordi ing to the revised procedure will commence on 20.7.1998.

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