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Transport Commissionerate, Kerala,
Trans Towers, Thiruvananthapuram,
Dated : 08.09. 2010.

From

The Transport Commissioner,
Thiruvananthapuram.

To

All Deputy Transport Commissioners,
All Regional Transport Officers,
All Joint Regional Transport Officers

Sir,

Sub :- Motor Vehicles Department; Enforcement of Motor Vehicles Act and rules - reg-

Ref :- Government Letter No. 9317/B2/10/Tran dated 03.08.2010

Your attention is invited to the above reference. Various provisions are mentioned in Motor Vehicles Act 1988 and Central Motor Vehicles Rules, 1989 with a view to check road accidents. The number of road accidents can be reduced to a significant level by taking effective enforcement measures and thus precious human lives can be saved. Vide reference cited, the Government have issued the following instructions.

(i) To increase visibility at night conspicuous reflective tapes be put as prescribed as per AIS 090 standards for all public service vehicles viz, three-wheeler, Taxi, Light Commercial vehicles, Heavy Commercial vehicles and Buses. While white tape is to be fixed in the front, yellow and red tapes shall have to be fixed on the sides and back of the vehicle respectively. Same should be followed for Trucks, Trailers including Agriculture tractor trailers. This tape will be visible from a distance and will help to avoid crashes. Therefore during annual fitness certification, the fitment of reflective tapes as per Rule 62 of Central Motor Vehicles Rules should be verified.

(ii) The fitment of side and rear under-run protection (SUPD and RUPD) in trucks and buses have been made mandatory. These rules are hardly enforced. Further, Front under Run Protection (FUPD) is implemented from 1st October, 2009 in trucks vide notification GSR 784(E). Hence, implementation of applicable under run protection devices should be enforced.

(iii) As per the Central Motor Vehicles Rules, 1989, painting of headlights in top half portion is not allowed. There is a need to immediately stop such wrong practices. Moreover, the vehicles are required to be driven at low beam at night to avoid glare of light for reducing the chances of head on collision. These should be implemented through better driver training and enforcement.

(iv) Under Central Motor Vehicles Rules 104, AIS standards are prescribed for installation of mirrors on different category of vehicles. The vehicles however, do not comply with these norms. Particularly, in respect of three-wheelers, the side mirrors are positioned inside, instead of projecting outside the body of the vehicle for getting a full view of the rear on both the sides. Necessary enforcement measures should be taken during fitness check to ensure that outside rear view mirrors are fitted on the outside of the three-wheelers.

(v) Rule 93 of Central Motor Vehicles Rules, 1989 defines overall dimensions of various categories of Motor Vehicles. The motor vehicles not conforming to the standards are alleged to be plying on the roads. Trailers, which are used as vehicle carriers, often have longer length (even up to 25 m) though maximum length of 18 m is prescribed in Central Motor Vehicles Rules. Movement of these trolleys is dangerous on roads. Therefore, their dimensions should be restricted.

(vi) One of the critical aspects that contribute to the increasing number of road accidents is overloading of motor vehicles. Despite repeated advisory from time to time, instances of overloading are frequently reported. It has also been observed that the Trucks, both light and heavy duty are subjected to major body modifications after the vehicles are registered. Additional lead springs are being added to carry over load. These should be checked at the time of annual inspection and the truck owner should be asked to remove all the modifications.

Therefore you are requested to ensure that the above violations of Central Motor Vehicles Rules should also be checked at the time of Annual Inspection of commercial vehicles.

Yours faithfully,

Sd/-

Senior Deputy Transport Commissioner,
(Taxation)
For Transport Commissioner.

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Approved for issue

Senior Superintendent