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Sub: M.V. Tax - No. payment - instalment facility etc.
allowed after seizure of vehicle - further action -
instructions - issued -

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Government have been granting extension of time for remittance of tax by motor vehicle owners on specific requests from them for this purpose. The Vehicle Owners who got such extension of time sometimes fail to remit the tax within the extended time, and operate the vehicles in spite of the default in payment of tax. In some cases further extension of time is granted to them for remitting the tax even though the vehicles may be plying without paying the tax at that moment. But on occasions such vehicles might have been seized by the officers of the Motor Vehicles Department or Police for default in payment of tax. On obtaining Government orders for further extension of time for payment of tax, the vehicle owners now manage to get such seized vehicles released to them. This is an undesirable practice and Government do not intend the release of the seized vehicles on the strength of orders for extension of time granted subsequently on the request of vehicle owners.

2. In the circumstances, it is made clear to all Regional Transport Officers and Joint Regional Transport Officers that any vehicle seized for default in payment of tax need not be released to the owners even if Government grant, in their cases, extension of time subsequently; covering the period already defaulted payment of tax. In all cases of seizure of vehicles for defaulted payment of tax, the vehicles shall be released only after realising the entire arrears of tax; and in cases when instalment facility has been granted by Government for remittance of arrears of tax, only after realising the first instalment of the arrears of tax. If any order of Government granting extension of time in the case of seized vehicles is received by them they need not act on the order except as indicated above. In other cases they should immediately report back to Government the fact that the concerned vehicle has already been taken into custody for defaulted payment of tax, and that arrears of tax or the first instalment of arrears of tax has not been remitted.

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The Deputy Transport Commissioners.
All Regional Transport Officers.
All Joint Regional Transport Officers.