FAX MESSAGE ATTENTION IMMEDIATE

No. B2/1427/TC/2003

Transport Commissionerate Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram Dated: 31.3.2005.

From

The Transport Commissioner Thiruvananthapuram.

To

All Regional Transport Officers (Through Zonal Deputy Transport Commissioners).

Sir,

Sub: - Motor Vehicle Department - Acceptance of Motor Vehicle Tax at the prerevised rate - Instruction - Reg.

Ref: - 1. G.O. (P) 29/2003/Tran. Dated 28.6.2003 Published as SRTO No. 584/2003 dated 28.6.2003.

- 2. Government Letter No.14448/b2/2004/Tran.Dated 27.12.2004 addressed to the Sr.Government Pleader and to this office.
- 3. Judgment dated 14th January 2005 of the Hon'ble High Court in WP (c) No.22083/2003 D Filed by Contract Carriage Operators Association.

In view of the notification cited first, tax in respect of certain classes of vehicles was realized at the enhanced rate. But as per the reference second cited, Government has decided not to implement the enhanced rate of tax.

In the Judgment 3rd cited, the Hon'ble High Court has directed that "so far as petitioners, who have paid part of the revised tax in terms of the interim orders of this Court are concerned, there will be direction to the RTO concerned, to adjust the payment to made towards the quarterly tax payable after production of a copy of this judgment".

As such direction is hereby issued to all Taxation officers to accept the Motor Vehicle Tax at the pre-revised rate with immediate effect. As regards the adjustment of tax at enhanced rate already remitted with effect from 1.7.2003, the direction of the Hon'ble High Court mentioned above have to be complied with. Those who are not the petitioners in the above Writ Petition may also be given the benefit of the above

judgment. Clear and specific endorsements should also be made in the Registration Certificates of the vehicles.

Yours faithfully, S/d For Transport Commissioner.