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No.2154/B2/2013/Tran. GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

Transport (B) Department,
Thiruvananthapuram,
Dated: 19.03.2014.

From
The Secretary to Government.

To
The Superintendent of Government Presses,
Thiruvananthapuram.

Sir,

Sub:- Transport Department – Specification and regulation of use of red / blue/multi coloured beacon lights on top of vehicles of high dignitaries – amendment to the existing notifications as per the directive of the Hon'ble Supreme Court - notification forwarded - Reg.

Ref:- G.O.(P) No. 28/14/Tran dated 19/03/2014.

I am to forward herewith a copy of the Government Order cited and to request you to arrange to publish the same in the Kerala Gazette extraordinary, after assigning a SRO number and to furnish 500 copies of printed notification to Government, and 100 copies of the same to the Transport Commissioner, urgently.

Yours faithfully,

P Chandrasekharan,
Under Secretary.
for Secretary to Government.

Approved for Issue;

Section Officer.

Copy to :- The Transport Commissioner, Thiruvananthapuram.
The Director, Information and Public Relations Department.
(for publishing in the Government website & wide publicity through electronic & print media).

GOVERNMENT OF KERALA
Transport (B) Department

NOTIFICATION

G.O.(P)No.28/2014/ Tran

Dated, Thiruvananthapuram, 19th March, 2014.
5th Meenam, 1189.

S.R.O.No...../2014:- In pursuance of the powers conferred under clause (iii) of the proviso to sub-rule (1) of rule 108 and sub rules (2),(3) and (4) thereof of the Central Motor Vehicles Rules, 1989 and in supersession of the notification No. G.O.(P)No.67/2012/Tran dated 14th November, 2012, published as S.R.O. No.792/2012 in the Kerala Gazette Extraordinary No.1190 dated 15th November, 2012, the Government of Kerala hereby specify that the vehicles carrying high dignitaries as specified in Schedule I below are permitted to use red light with flasher on the top front of the vehicle while on duty anywhere in the State, that the vehicles carrying the dignitaries specified in Schedule II are permitted to use red light without flasher on the top front of the vehicle while on duty any where in the State, that the vehicles specified in Schedule III are permitted to use blue light with or without flasher and that the vehicles specified in Schedule IV are permitted to use multicoloured red, blue and white light, namely:-

SCHEDULE I

Red light - with flasher

- 1 The Governor of Kerala
- 2 The Chief Minister of Kerala
- 3 Chief Justice of the High Court of Kerala
- 4 Speaker of the Kerala Legislative Assembly
- 5 Leader of Opposition of the Kerala Legislative Assembly
- 6 Ministers of Kerala State
- 7 Vice Chairman, Kerala State Planning Board
- 8 Judges of the High court of Kerala

SCHEDULE II

Red light with out flash

- 1 The Deputy Speaker of the Kerala Legislative Assembly
- 2 The Chief Secretary to the Government of Kerala
- 3 Advocate General, Kerala State
- 4 State Election Commissioner, Kerala State
- 5 The Chairman, Kerala Public Service Commission
- 6 The Chairman, Kerala State Commission for Minorities
- 7 The Chairman, Kerala State Commission for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes.

SCHEDULE III

Police vehicles used as escorts or pilots

Blue light with
or with out flash

SCHEDULE IV

Vehicles of operational agencies which require unhindered access to the roads for performance of their duty, those engaged in emergency duties such as ambulance services, fire services, emergency maintainance etc. and police vehicles used for Law and Order duties.

Multi colored light

2. Any vehicle carrying the dignitary formally designated as equivalent in rank, status and privileges to those dignitaries referred to in Schedule I and II above shall be entitled to use the red light as per the corresponding privileges.

3. In case the vehicle fitted with red light with or without flasher on top front is not carrying the dignitary then such red light shall not be used and it shall be covered by a black cover if the red light is permanently affixed.

By order of the Governor,

Dr. V. M. GOPALA MENON,
Secretary to Government.

Explanatory Note

(This does not form part of the notification, but is intended to indicate its general purport)

Rule 108 of the Central Motor Vehicles Rules, 1989 empowers the State Government to specify the high dignitaries for the purpose of the rule and to specify the motor vehicles on which red, blue and multi coloured lights shall be fitted. The Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in the order dated 10/12/2013 in SLP(C) No. 25237/10 directed that the State Government and Administration of Union Territories should amend the relevant rules and notification to bring them in tune with the Central Motor Vehicles Rules, 1989 and notifications issued by the Central Government. The Government have decided to specify the high dignitaries in the State in accordance with the above notification and also to specify the vehicles on which red, blue or multicoloured lights shall be used.

The notification is intended to achieve the above purpose.