

C1/2691/TC/2007

Transport Commissionerate
Trans Towers, Vazhuthacaud
Kerala Thiruvananthapuram.
Dated: 23-08-2007.

From

The Transport Commissioner
Thiruvananthapuram.

To

All Deputy Transport Commissioners
Regional Transport Officers
Joint R.T.Officers of Sub Offices.

Sir,

Sub : - Motor Vehicles Department - Rules Related to carriage of Goods in vehicles-
Instruction issued - reg.

Ref : - Government letter No. 2691/B2/07/Tran. Dated 28.3.2007.

Government as per the reference cited have forwarded a letter No.11011/1/2007-T dated 05.03.2007 received from the Government of India mentioning road accidents due to roaming of public transport vehicles/two wheelers into goods carriage vehicles/bullock carts loaded with iron rods, wooden logs etc. It is further stated that the rule relating to carriage of such goods such as flashing of red flags (during day time)/red lights at the end of the stretched material. Loading of these material in the right category of vehicle etc., are not being followed strictly and this is the main cause for the increase in such kind of accidents every year.

The matter has become a subject of discussion in the parliament also. In this circumstance. Government of India have directed to instruct all the enforcement authorities to ensure that the provisions of the Motor Vehicles Act. 1988 and Rules made there under relating to the carriage of such materials are scrupulously followed and the violators are appropriately penalized.

Sub rule (7) of Rule 93 of the Central Motor Vehicles Rule, 1989 prescribe that no part of the vehicle other than a direction indicator, when in operation, or a driving mirror, shall project laterally more than 355 millimeters beyond the centre line of the rear wheel in the case of single rear wheels, or more than 152 millimeters beyond the extreme outer edge of outer tyres, in the case of dual rear wheels.

Again Sub rule (1) of Rule 357 of Kerala Motor Vehicles Rules, 1989 clearly states that no person shall drive and no person shall cause or allow to be driven in any public place any motor vehicle which is loaded in a manner likely to cause danger to any person or in such manner that the load or any part thereof extends beyond the limit prescribed in Sub rule (7) of Rule 93 of the Central Motor Vehicles Rule, 1989.

Therefore all the Registering Authorities and Asst. Registering Authorities are directed to take appropriate measures to ensure that the above directions are complied with strictly so as to avoid such road accidents. Action taken in this matter may also be intimated immediately so as to furnish a report to Government in this matter.

Yours faithfully,

Sd/-
Transport Commissioner