

No.CI/295/TC/2005

Transport Commissionerate  
Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram  
Dated: 01-02-2005.

From

The Transport Commissioner

To

All Deputy Transport Commissioners,  
All Regional Transport Officers and  
All Joint Regional Transport Officers  
Of Sub Regional Transport Offices.

Sir,

Sub: - Issue of Driving Licenses to hearing impaired persons - Regarding.  
Ref: - Letter No. NISH/TC/DL/2005 dated 01-02-2005 from the Executive  
Director, National Institute of Speech and Hearing, Palance Road,  
Poojappura, Thiruvananthapuram, (Copy enclosed)

01. Please find enclosed a copy of the Letter cited above, which is self explanatory.
02. The contentions put forward in the enclosed letter appear to be reasonable and worthy of consideration. If a Medical Fitness Certificate from a Medical Board indeed is being insisted upon by the authorities issuing Driving Licences, then it is contrary to the letter and spirit of the Motor Vehicles Act and Rules.
03. The Motor Vehicles Act and KMV Rules prescribed a declaration in Form I and a Medical Certificate in Form 1-A (as detailed in the Letter). The certificate provided by an ENT Doctor should be sufficient for the purpose of driving license application. There does not appear to be any need to insist upon a Fitness Certificate from the Medical Board, except in cases where you are satisfied that the Certificate produced by the applicant is bogus in which case you can always insist upon a Certificate to be produced after examination by a Government ENT Doctor.
04. Please instruct your subordinate Officers suitably in the matter. Let them not leave any scope for such complaints in future.

Yours faithfully,  
Sd/-  
Transport Commissioner