

No. C3/19437/TC/2009

Transport Commissionerate, Kerala,
Trans Towers, Thiruvananthapuram
Dated 07.06.2011

From

The Transport Commissioner,
Thiruvananthapuram

To

The Principal Secretary to Government,
Transport (B) Department,
Government Secretariat,
Thiruvananthapuram.

Sir,

Sub: Motor Vehicles Department – carriage of animals in Goods
Vehicles – Amendment of Kerala Motor Vehicles Rules –
reply – reg.

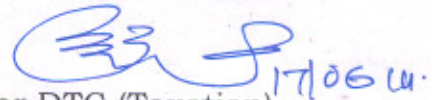
Ref: 1. This office letter of even No. dated 09.03.2011.
2. Govt. Letter No. 7504/B2/2010/Tran dated 25.05.2011.

Kind attention of Government is invited to the reference cited. The proposal for amending Rule 197 of Kerala Motor Vehicles Rules was furnished on the basis of the recommendation of Director Animal Husbandry Department as directed by Hon'ble High Court in the judgment dated 02.03.2010 in WP(C) No. 28436/2009. In their recommendation nothing is mentioned about the carriage of elephants and animals having body weight exceeds 400 Kg. In this context the following remarks are offered.

The proposal for amending Rule 197(1) related to the transportation of domestic animals. In the Rule 197 (1) 'animal' includes goat, sheep, buffalo, bull, ox, cow, deer, horse, ponny, mule, ass, pig and their young ones. Normally, their body weight shall not exceeds 400 Kg. The existing Rule 197(2) is repeated in the draft proposal except the

vehicle speed where the carrying of wild animals belonging to or intended for a circus menageries or zoo are described. The wild animals like elephants can be carried in Goods Vehicles subject to the provision of Rule 197(2) of existing or proposed Kerala Motor Vehicles Rules.

Yours faithfully,



Senior DTC (Taxation),
For Transport Commissioner.

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L. Subbarao

Copy to :- All Regional Transport Officers and Joint Regional Transport Officers. They are directed to comply with provisions of the Rule 197(2) of Kerala Motor Vehicles Rules 1989 while carrying elephants and other wild animals in Goods Vehicles.

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