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From

The Transport Commissioner Thiruvananthapuram

To

All Deputy Transport Commissioners
All Regional Transport Officers & Enforcement Regional Transport Officers
Sir,

Sub: - MVs. Dept.-Directions of the Hon'ble Supreme Court appointed Committee on Road Safety - Suspension of Driving Licences for various offences & Checking of uninsured vehicles-reg:-

- Ref:- (i) Direction of Hon'ble Supreme Court appointed Committee on Road Safety (Letter no.05/2014/CoRS-Part III dated 18.08.2015)
  - (ii) Decision taken on the meeting of Deputy Transport Commissioners held on 02.06.2017 at Ernakulam
  - (iii) This office letter no. C2/10571/TC/2014 dated 16.06.2017, 30.06.2017 & 12.07.2017
  - (iv) This office letters of even no. dated 14.02.2017 & 09.05.2017

The Honorable Supreme Court appointed Road Safety Committee vide the letter 1st referred has instructed to suspend the driving licences for a period not less than tree months for the following offences:-

- (i) Driving at a speed exceeding the specified limit which would also include red light jumping:
- (ii) Carrying overload in goods carriages and carrying persons in goods carriages;
- (iii) Driving vehicles under the influence of drink and drugs
- (iv) Using mobile phone while driving a vehicle

The Committee has also instructed to periodically check the vehicles to see whether the vehicle owners have third party insurance cover. In case they are not covered by third party insurance, it is instructed that the vehicle should

be detained till such time valid insurance certificate is not produced by the vehicle owner.

These directions were communicated to all enforcing authorities for strict implementation vide this office letters 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> referred. In the quarterly statements showing progress in implementation of these recommendations, it is observed that the number of cases for which licence is suspended is not proportionate to the number of above stated offences reported. Similarly there is disparity in the number of vehicles which are reportedly not covered by valid insurance and the number of vehicles detained and released. This data is being furnished to the Committee appointed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court on Road Safety and the figures are not justifiable.

Hence from the above, it is quiet evident that the enforcing authorities are not taking appropriate timely action to enforce the directions of the Committee and subsequent directions issued from this office. Such laxity will defeat the objective to curb traffic violations and thereby reduce road accidents. Therefore, it is once again reiterated that enforcement authorities should take adequate and appropriate action as instructed against traffic offenders. The Heads of Offices shall personally ensure the authenticity of the data furnished. Any laxity in this regard will be viewed seriously.

Yours faithfully Sd/-Transport Commissioner

Approved for issue

Senior Deputy Transport Commissioner (Tax)