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Government of India
Ministry of Road Transport and Highways
(MVL Section)
Transport Bhawan, 1, Parliament Street, New Delhi-110001

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To

1. The Principal Secretaries/Secretaries, Departments of Transport of all the States/ UTs;
2. The Transport Commissioners, of all the States/ UT Administrations

Subject: No requirement of an NOC for the renewal/ change of address in the Driving Licence

Madam/ Sir,

The driving license issued by any licensing authority in any State is valid throughout India and the license-holder is authorized to drive the specified class or classes of vehicles as per the licence in terms of the provisions of the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988 or the Central Motor Vehicles Rules, 1989.

2. The practice of obtaining an NOC from the previous licencing authority was followed primarily with a view to checking the authenticity of the licence, as to whether it was indeed issued/ endorsed by the previous authority and that the license was not linked with any offence. This practice came to be adopted initially when the Driving Licenses were issued in manual mode/ regime and also subsequently during the decentralized operations of earlier off-line software versions of SARATHI. Now, with the current version of SARATHI, wherein all Driving Licenses are issued following a IT based application system and the details are verifiable from the database in an on-line mode, there is no need for seeking an NOC for verification of such details as per the provisions of the aforesaid Act or Rules.

3. It has been brought to the notice of this Ministry that many States are still sticking to the practice of obtaining NOC from the parent authority in both cases i.e. renewals and change of address of the driving licence. This has not only caused disparity in the implementation process but has a potential of undue harassment to the applicant. In case, when a user moves from one place or State, which does not issue NOC to another place or State, which requires an NOC, the applications are rejected due to the lack of such NOC.

4. The SARATHI database contains the information of the driving licenses issued by the states. Accordingly, it is advised that whenever an application for renewal or transfer of address is received, the concerned competent authority may check the particulars online available in the SARATHI database. Further, the details can also be validated using eChallan mobile application. This approach would not require the citizens to visit or approach the original Licencing Authority for getting NOC.

5. It is requested that all the Licensing Authorities be directed to stop forthwith and discontinue any old process of verification in manual mode and follow the online verification of the driving licenses for facilitation of the citizens.

Yours faithfully,

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