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Transport Commissionerate, Keralam
Trans Towers, Thiruvananthapuram
Dated: 24-04-2012

From

The Transport Commissioner

To

All Deputy Transport Commissioners
All Regional Transport Officers
All Joint Regional Transport Officers

Sir,

Sub: Motor Vehicles Department-Procedure for alteration in motor vehicles to facilitate the mobility of physically challenged persons-reg

Ref: 1. Government Resolution No.RT-11012/12/01-MVL dated 11-08-2008
2. Government Resolution No.RT-11012/12/2001-MVL dated 29-05-09
3. Government Resolution No.RT-11017/07/2011-MVL dated 05-05-11

As per reference 1st cited, Central Government have prescribed the procedure to modify two wheelers to facilitate differently abled persons to drive these vehicles. However, the alteration could only be done by an authorized workshop in accordance with the manner prescribed in the instruction.

Further Vide reference 2nd cited, the Central Government have prescribed the procedure for altering four wheelers to suit the requirement of differently abled persons in which it was instructed that such modification can only be done in workshops authorized by the State Government to do so.

Later it came to the notice of the Central Government that there are no such authorized workshops in several parts of the country. In this situation, Government of India have issued direction vide reference 3rd cited that in the absence of authorized workshops, the authorities in the State have to inspect the vehicles and satisfy themselves that the modified vehicles do not cause any threat to the safety of the vehicle users. Based on these instructions the following directions are issued for the strict compliance.

In the case of two wheelers where such modifications are not carried out in an approved workshop as prescribed in the earlier procedure, the inspection shall be done by the officers of this department irrespective of the fact that the modifications are made in a work shop which is approved or not subject to the

condition that the modified vehicles will not be a threat to the safety of the person who drives the vehicles and other road users.

In the case of four wheelers, it is to be noted that the retrofit kit/adaptation kit does not modify/change the originality of the vehicle except mere adaptation where by a driver does not use his clutch (in the case of AUTOCLUTCH Kit) or uses his hand to operate the brake or accelerator (in the case of HAND CONTROL kit). The original pedals are also not modified or removed and also none of the parameters entered in the registration certificate of the vehicle are affected or charged. In such cases the modification can be allowed by the registering authorities concerned.

While allowing the modification it is to be ensured that the modification made in the vehicle does not attract the provision of Section 52 of the Motor Vehicles Act. The modified vehicles shall be inspected by two technically qualified officers in which one of the officers shall not be below the rank of Motor Vehicles Inspector.

It is also instructed that necessary steps should be taken to issue driving licence to the differently abled persons to drive such modified vehicle. The details of the modified vehicle shall be entered as remarks in the printable remarks while issuing driving licences. All concerned are directed to take all possible steps to redress the grievance of the differently abled persons regarding the modification of vehicles and issue of driving licence.

Yours faithfully

Sd/-

Joint Transport Commissioner
For Transport Commissioner

Approved for issue


Senior Deputy Transport Commissioner

