

NOTIFICATIONS UNDER THE MOTOR VEHICLES ACT

(Issued by the Central Government)

Under Section 41(4)

Specification of Types of Motor Vehicles

S.O.1248(E),dated 5-11-2004. – In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (4) of section 41 of the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988 (59 of 1988) and in supersession of the notification of the Government of India in the erstwhile Ministry of Surface Transport No. S.O. 451(E), dated the 19th June, 1992, the Central Government hereby specifies the types of motor vehicles as mentioned in column 1 and 2 of the Table below for the purposes of said sub-section (4); -

Transport Vehicles	Non-Transport Vehicles
(1)	(2)
(i)Motor cycle with side car for carrying goods	(i)Motor cycle with or without side car for personal use.
(ii)Motor cycle with trailer to carry goods	(ii)Mopeds and motorized cycle (Engine capacity exceeding 25cc).
(iii)Motor cycle used for hire to carry one passenger on pillion and motorized cycle-rickshaw for goods or passengers on hire	(iii)Invalid carriage.
(iv)Luxury cabs.	(iv)Three-wheeled vehicles for personal use.
(v) Three wheeled vehicles for transport of passenger/goods.	(v)Motor car.
(vi)Goods carrier trucks or tankers or mail carriers (N ₁ -N ₃ category).	(vi)Fork lift.
(vii)Power tillers and Tractors using public roads.	(vii)Vehicles or trailers fitted with equipment's like rig, generator, and compressor.
(viii)Mobile clinic or X-ray van or Library vans	(viii)Crane mounted vehicles.
(ix)Mobile workshops.	(ix)Agricultural Tractors and power Tillers.
(x)Mobile canteens.	(x)Private service vehicle, registered in the name of an individual and if declared to be used by him solely for personal.
(xi)Private Service Vehicle.	(xi)Camper van or trailer for private use.
(xii)Public service Vehicle such as maxi cab, motor cab, stage carriage and contract carriages including tourist vehicles.	(xii)Tow trucks, Breakdown Van and Recovery Vehicles.
(xiii)Educational Institution buses.	(xiii)Tower Wagons and tree trimming vehicles owned by Central, State and local authorities.
(xiv)Ambulances.	(xiv)Construction Equipment vehicles as defined in rule 2(ca)*
(xv)Animal ambulances.	
(xvi)Camper vans or trailers.	
(xvii)Cash vans.	
(xviii)Fire tenders, snorked ladders, auxiliary trailers and fire fighting vehicles.	

(xix)Articulated vehicles.	
(xx)Hearses.	
(xxi)Omnibuses ⁺ .	
¹ [(xxii)Quadricycle]	

(a) "Ambulance" means vehicle specially designed, constructed or modified and equipped and intended to be used for emergency transportation of persons who are sick, injured, wounded or otherwise incapacitated.

(b) "Animal Ambulance" means a motor vehicle intended to be used for the emergency transportation of sick, injured, wounded or otherwise incapacitated animals.

(c) "Camper van" means a special purpose M1 category vehicle constructed to include living accommodation which contains at least the following equipment:

-Seats and table

-Sleeping accommodation which may be converted from the seats.

-Cooking facilities, and

-Storage facilities.

This equipment shall be rigidly fixed to the living compartment; however, the table may be designed to be easily removable.

⁺(d)The "Omnibus" has been kept in the category of transport vehicle with a view to bringing it under the purview of fitness regime as it is exhaustively used on road. However, the taxes to be levied on such vehicle would fall within the jurisdiction of State Governments.

*(e)Under Rule 2(ca), use of public road by Construction Equipment Vehicles is incidental to the main off-road function. However, when the public road is being used regularly for carrying on commercial activities, then Construction Equipment Vehicles such as dumpers and excavators being used for such activities, shall be deemed as transport vehicles.

Under Section 41(6)

Registration Mark on Vehicles for States and Union Territories

S.O. 444(E), dated 12-6-1989. – In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (6) of section 41 of the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988 (59 of 1988), the Central Government hereby allots to the States and Union Territories specified in column (1) of the Table below, the groups of letters specified in the corresponding entry in column (2) thereof, for use as registration mark for each State and Union Territory to be followed by the code number of the Registering Authority to be allotted by the State Government or, as the case may be, the Administrator of the Union Territory and not exceeding four figures, to be used as registration mark.

TABLE

States/Union Territories		Group of Letters
(1)		(2)
1.	Andaman and Nicobar	AN
2.	Andhra Pradesh	AP
3.	Arunachal Pradesh	AR
4.	Assam	AS

¹Inserted by S.O.468(E), dated 19-2-2014.