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Transport Commissionerate, Keralam
Trans Towers, Thiruvananthapuram
Dated: 08-11-2011

From

The Transport Commissioner

To

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

Sir,

Sub: Motor Vehicles Department-Unauthorized alteration of the vehicle by extending chassis-Direction issuing of-reg

Ref: Report submitted by Sri.Rajeev Puthalath, Leader, R&D Team
(Engineering (Automobile/Mechanical)) & Regional Transport officer,
Vadakara

Your attention is invited to the above refernce. It has come to notice that there is a tendency of extending the chassis horizontally by bolting, drilling holes on chassis, etc. Such kind of chassis extension is found in vehicles having seating capacity more than 30. As per the report vide refernce cited, it has been a regular practice of the body manufacturer by making stereo type of body shells and fix it on different configurations of chassis and seating capacities by extending the chassis as per the convenience and demand of the consumer. The configuration change in the seating arrangement itself shows that the manufacturer or the body builder is not complying the specification issued by the Central agencies.

In his report Sri.Rajeev Puthalath explicitly states that the chassis frame forms the backbone of the vehicle. Its principal function is to safely carry the maximum load for all designed operating conditions. Therefore using different sections on the chassis frame will affect the rigid nature of the frame. Any kind of rear impact will directly lead to the collapse of the rear portion of the body due to the use of uneven materials on the chassis frame. Hence you are requested to inspect the vehicles at the time of registration and issuing Certificate of Fitness in order to ascertain that any kind of unauthorized alteration has been done on the vehicle.

Yours faithfully

Sd/-

Senior DTC (Taxation) (In charge)
For Transport Commissioner

Approved for issue

Senior Superintendent

09/11/11