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'Transport Bhawan' 1, Parliament Street,

New Delhi, the 20th February, 2013

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The Principal Secretaries (Transport) / Secretaries (Transport) / Transport Commissioners of all the States/UTs

Sir,

The Government has come across some incidents where the driver or other crew of transport vehicles have been involved in serious crimes. The Government has taken serious note of such incidents which impinge on the safety and security of the citizens. Your kind attention in this context is invited to provisions of Section 19 (1) of Motor Vehicles Act, 1988 which empowers the licensing authorities to disqualify the holder of a driving licence from holding the licence and to revoke a driving licence after giving an opportunity of being heard *inter alia* if he is a habitual criminal or habitual drunkard or habitual addict to any narcotic drug or cycotropic substance or has, by his previous conduct, as a driver of a motor vehicle, shown that his driving is likely to be deemed to be dangerous to the public. A copy of Section 19 of the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988 containing detailed provisions regarding powers of the licensing authority to disqualify from holding a driving licence or revoking a driving licence, is enclosed.

2. State Governments/Union Territory Administrations are requested to make use of the provisions of Section 19 of the Motor Vehicles Act to revoke the driving licence of a person who has been found guilty of a criminal offence or who has used a vehicle in commission of a cognizable offence so as to enhance safety and security of the general public. Deterrent action against persons involved in serious crimes will definitely go a long way in curbing such crimes and restoring confidence of the public.

Yours faithfully,

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Forwarding for necessary action.

For Transport Commissioner

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