

7. *Amendment of Act 19 of 1976.*—In the Kerala Motor Vehicles Taxation Act, 1976 (19 of 1976),—

(1) in section 2,—

(a) the existing clause (aa) shall be renumbered as clause (ab) and before clause (ab) as so renumbered, the following clause shall be inserted, namely:—

“(aa) “e-payment” means remittance of tax using e-payment gateway by transfer of the amount to the account of Motor Vehicles Department from the account of a registered owner or any other person in any Bank or by using Credit/Debit Cards.”;

(b) after clause (c), the following clause shall be inserted, namely:—

“(ca) “Luxury taxi” means a motor cab or a tourist motor cab constructed or adapted to carry more than two passengers but not more than six passengers and having cubic capacity of one thousand five hundred and above.”;

(2) in section 3,—

(a) in sub-section (1),—

(i) for the second proviso, the following proviso shall be substituted, namely:—

“Provided further that in respect of a new motor vehicle of any of the classes specified in items 1, 2, 6, 7(i)(b), 7(i)(c), 7(i)(d), 10(iii) and 11(i) of the Schedule, there shall be levied, from the date of purchase of the vehicle, one time tax at the rate specified in Annexure I, at the time of first registration of the vehicle and thereafter tax shall be levied at the time of renewal of registration of such vehicle or on the expiry of the life time tax already paid at the rate specified in the Schedule as per fourth proviso to sub-section (1) of section 4.”;

(ii) the third proviso shall be omitted;

(iii) for the fourth proviso, the following proviso shall be substituted, namely:—

“Provided also that in respect of old motor cycles specified in item (1), old three wheelers specified in item (2), goods carriages specified in item (3)(i)(a) to (3)(i)(e) and 3(ii)(a) to 3(ii)(e), new autorickshaws specified in item 7(i)(a), old motor cabs specified in item 7(i)(b), old tourist motor cabs specified in item 7(i)(c), and old motor cars specified in item 11(i) of the Schedule, there shall be levied a tax in advance for a period of five years at the rate specified in Annexure II,—

(a) in the case of new vehicles, from the date of purchase, at the time of first registration and thereafter for every five years; and

(b) in the case of old vehicles, after the expiry of existing tax period, for every five years.”;

(b) in sub-section (5), in the existing proviso, for the words, brackets and figure “under sub-section (9)”, the words, brackets and figures “under sub-sections (8) and (9)” shall be substituted;

(3) in section 4,—

(a) in sub-section (1),—

(i) in the fourth proviso, for the words, figures, brackets and letters, after the words, brackets and figure “or passengers specified in item 2 of the Schedule”, the following words, figures, brackets and letters, shall be substituted, namely:—

“or goods carriages specified in items 3(i)(a) to 3(i)(e) and 3(ii)(a) to 3(ii)(e) or motor vehicle specified in items 6 or new autorickhaws specified in item 7(i)(a) or motor cabs specified in item 7(i)(b) or tourist motor cabs specified in item 7(i)(c) or motor cars specified in item 11(i) of the Schedule, shall pay tax in respect of those vehicles in advance for a period of five years in lump sum upon a licence for such period.”;

(ii) for the fifth proviso, the following proviso shall be substituted, namely:—

“Provided also that the registered owner or a person liable to pay tax in respect of Private Service Vehicle (Non-Transport Vehicle) for personal use specified in item 6, luxury taxi specified in item 7(i)(d) and Construction equipment vehicles specified in item 10(iii) of the Schedule, shall remit tax in lump sum for 2 years after the expiry of existing tax period at the rate specified in column (3) of the respective items in the Schedule.”;

(iii) for the sixth proviso, the following proviso shall be substituted, namely:—

“Provided also that the registered owner or a person liable to pay tax in respect of vehicle specified in items 1, 2, 3(i)(a) to 3(i)(e), 3(ii)(a) to 3(ii)(e), 6, 7(i)(a) to 7(i)(d), 10(iii) and 11(i) of the Schedule for which one time or lump sum tax has been paid, shall not be liable to pay any periodical increase in tax during the period for which he has paid tax for such vehicle.”;

(iv) in the seventh proviso, for the figures, brackets and letter “7(i)(b)” in both the places where they occur, the figures, brackets and letter “7(i)(a)” shall be substituted;

(b) in sub-section (3), after the existing proviso, the following proviso shall be inserted, namely:—

“Provided further that clause (b) of this sub-section shall not be applicable to c-payment of tax.”;

(4) section 8 shall be omitted;

(5) for section 11, the following section shall be substituted, namely:—

“11. *Power to seize, detain and sell motor vehicles.*—(1) Any officer of the Motor Vehicles Department not below the rank of Assistant Motor Vehicles Inspector authorised in this behalf by the Government or any Police Officer not below the rank of Sub-Inspector may, if he has reason to believe that a taxable motor vehicle is used or kept for use in the State without paying tax, seize and detain that vehicle and make necessary arrangements for the safe custody of that vehicle pending production of proof of payment of tax.

(2) Where the tax due, in respect of the vehicle seized and detained under sub-section (1), is not paid within 30 days from the date of such seizure and detention, the officer authorised by the Government in this behalf may serve a notice in such manner as may be prescribed to the registered owner or the person who had the possession or control of the vehicle, immediately before such seizure and detention. After considering the objections, if any, filed by such person, if the authorised officer is satisfied that, the tax due has not been paid so far, he shall recover the tax due by sale of such vehicle in the manner as may be prescribed:

Provided that no such vehicle shall be sold if the tax due is paid at any time before the completion of the sale. ^{date of} auction.

(3) Where the registered owner or the person having possession or control of the vehicle does not raise any objection to the notice served in sub-section (2), the authorised officer shall conduct sale of such vehicle as provided in sub-section (2).

(4) Where the tax due in respect of the vehicle seized and detained by the Police Officer under sub-section (1) is not paid within 30 days from the date of such seizure and detention, the Police Officer concerned shall transfer such vehicle to the Motor Vehicles Department along with a report thereon. After the receipt of such report, the authorised officer shall conduct the sale of such vehicle under sub-section (2).”;

(6) after section 12, the following section shall be inserted, namely:—

“12A. *Interest on tax payable when tax is not paid.*—Where any person fails to pay the tax payable under section 3 within a period of six months from the date of expiry of the prescribed period for payment of the same, he shall be liable to pay interest on such tax at the rate of twelve per cent per annum, in addition to the additional tax payable under section 12, until the realisation of the amount:

Provided that the interest payable under this section shall not exceed the amount of tax payable.”;

(7) in the SCHEDULE,—

(a) for serial numbers 1 and 2 and the entries against them in columns (2) and (3), the following serial numbers and entries shall, respectively, be substituted, namely:—

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| “1. Motor Cycles (including Motor Scooters and cycles with attachment for propelling the same by mechanical power) | 45.00 |
| 2. Three wheeler (including tri-cycles and cycle rickshaws with attachment for propelling the same by mechanical power) not used for transport of goods or passengers. | 45.00”; |

(b) in serial number 7, for item (i) and the entries thereunder in columns (2) and (3), the following items and entries shall respectively, be substituted, namely:—

“(i) Vehicles permitted to ply solely as contract carriage

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| (a) and to carry not more than 3 passengers (Autorickshaw) | 125.00 |
| (b) and to carry more than 2 passengers but not more than 6 passengers other than tourist motor cabs (motor cab) | 350.00 |
| (c) Tourist Motor Cabs | 425.00 |
| (d) Luxury Taxi | 1500.00 |
| (e) Vehicles permitted to operate within the State | |
| (i) Ordinary Contract Carriage permitted to carry more than 6 passengers but not more than 12 passengers-for every passenger | 310.00 |
| (ii) Ordinary Contract Carriage permitted to carry more than 12 passengers but not more than 20 passengers-for every passenger | 530.00 |
| (iii) Ordinary Contract Carriage permitted to carry more than 20 passengers-for every passenger | 750.00 |
| (iv) Contract Carriages with push back seats and permitted to carry more than 6 passengers-for every passenger | 1000.00 |
| (v) Contract Carriages with sleeper berths and permitted to carry more than 6 passengers | 2000.00 |

(f) Vehicles registered in Kerala and operating inter-state

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| (i) Ordinary Contract Carriage permitted to carry more than 12 passengers-for every passenger | 1540.00 |
| (ii) Contract Carriage with push back seats and permitted to carry more than 6 passengers-for every passenger | 2000.00 |
| (iii) Contract Carriage with sleeper berths and permitted to carry more than 6 passengers-for every passenger | 3000.00 |

(g) Vehicles registered in other States and entering Kerala after obtaining permit under sub-sections (8) and (9) of section 88 of the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988 (Central Act 59 of 1988)

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| (i) Ordinary Contract Carriage permitted to carry more than 6 passengers-for every passenger | 4000.00 |
| (ii) Contract Carriages with push back seats and permitted to carry more than 6 passengers-for every passenger | 6000.00 |
| (iii) Contract Carriages with sleeper berths and permitted to carry more than 6 passengers-for every passenger | 7000.00 |

(ii) **Motor Vehicles permitted to ply as Contract Carriages and solely used as Educational Institution Bus**

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| (a) Vehicles with 20 or less seats including driver | 500.00 |
| (b) Vehicles with more than 20 seats | 1000.00.”; |

(c) in serial number 11, after item (ii) and the entries against it, in columns (2) and (3), the following item and entries shall respectively, be inserted, namely:—

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| “(iii) Caravan/Camping Trailer-for every square metre or part thereof of the floor area | 1000.00.”; |
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(d) in serial number 13, for item “1 Educational Institution Bus”, and the entries thereunder in columns (2) and (3), the following item and entries shall, respectively, be substituted, namely:—

“1. Generator Van/Compressor/Rig

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| (a) Light Motor Vehicle | 1000.00 |
| (b) Medium Motor Vehicle | 1500.00 |
| (c) Heavy Motor Vehicle | 2000.00.”; |

(c) in ANNEXURE 1,—

(i) for serial number A and the entries thereunder, in columns (2) and (3), the following serial number and entries shall respectively be substituted, namely:—

“A. New Motor Cycles (including Motor Scooters and Cycles with attachments for propelling the same by mechanical power) and three wheelers (including tricycles and cycle rickshaws with attachment for propelling the same by mechanical power) not used for transport of goods or passengers and Private Service Vehicle for personal use (NTV), Motor Cars, Motor Cabs, Tourist Motor Cabs, Luxury Taxis and Construction Equipment Vehicles

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| 1 | Motor Cycles (including motor scooters and cycles with attachments for propelling the same by mechanical power) and bicycles of all categories with or without side car or drawing a trailer having purchase value up to rupees 1 lakh | 7% of the purchase value of the vehicle. |
| 2 | Imported Motor Cycles (including motor scooters and cycles with attachments for propelling the same by mechanical power) and bicycles of all categories with or without side car or drawing a trailer having purchase value up to rupees 1 lakh | 13% of the purchase value of the vehicle. |
| 3 | Motor Cycles (including motor scooters and cycles with attachments for propelling the same by mechanical power) and bicycles of all categories with or without side car or drawing a trailer having purchase value above rupees 1 lakh | 10% of the purchase value of the vehicle. |
| 4 | Imported Motor Cycles (including motor scooters and cycles with attachments for propelling the same by mechanical power) and bicycles of all categories with or without side car or drawing a trailer having purchase value above rupees 1 lakh | 22% of the purchase value of the vehicle. |

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| 5 | Three Wheelers (including tricycles and cycle rickshaws with attachment for propelling the same by mechanical power) not used for transport of goods or passengers | 7% of the purchase value of the vehicle. |
| 6 | Motor Cars and Private Service Vehicle for personal use (NTV) having purchase value up to rupees 5 lakhs | 7% of the purchase value of the vehicle. |
| 7 | Imported Motor Cars and Private Service Vehicle for personal use (NTV) having purchase value up to rupees 5 lakhs | 13% of the purchase value of the vehicle. |
| 8 | Motor Cars and Private Service Vehicle for personal use (NTV) having purchase value more than rupees 5 lakhs and up to rupees 10 lakhs | 10% of the purchase value of the vehicle. |
| 9 | Imported Motor Cars and Private Service Vehicle for personal use (NTV) having purchase value more than rupees 5 lakhs and up to rupees 10 lakhs | 18% of the purchase value of the vehicle. |
| 10 | Motor Cars and Private Service Vehicle for personal use (NTV) having purchase value more than rupees 10 lakhs and up to rupees 15 lakhs | 12% of the purchase value of the vehicle. |
| 11 | Imported Motor Cars and Private Service Vehicle for personal use (NTV) having purchase value more than 10 lakhs and up to rupees 15 lakhs | 22% of the purchase value of the vehicle. |
| 12 | Motor Cars and Private Service Vehicle for personal use (NTV) having purchase value more than rupees 15 lakhs | 17% of the purchase value of the vehicle. |
| 13 | Imported Motor Cars and Private Service Vehicle for personal use (NTV) having purchase value more than rupees 15 lakhs | 33% of the purchase value of the vehicle. |
| 14 | Motor cabs having cubic capacity below 1500 cc | 7% of the purchase value of the vehicle. |

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| 15 Imported Motor Cabs having cubic capacity below 1500 cc | 13% of the purchase value of the vehicle. |
| 16 Tourist Motor cabs having cubic capacity below 1500 cc and having purchase value up to rupees 10 lakhs | 7% of the purchase value of the vehicle. |
| 17 Imported Tourist Motor Cabs having cubic capacity below 1500 cc and having purchase value up to rupees 10 lakhs | 13% of the purchase value of the vehicle. |
| 18 Tourist Motor cabs having cubic capacity below 1500 cc and having purchase value above rupees 10 lakhs | 12% of the purchase value of the vehicle. |
| 19 Imported Tourist Motor Cabs having cubic capacity below 1500 cc and having purchase value above rupees 10 lakhs | 22% of the purchase value of the vehicle. |
| 20 Luxury Taxis having purchase value up to rupees 15 lakhs | 12% of the purchase value of the vehicle. |
| 21 Imported luxury Taxis having purchase value up to rupees 15 lakhs | 22% of the purchase value of the vehicle. |
| 22 Luxury Taxis having purchase value above rupees 15 lakhs | 17% of the purchase value of the vehicle. |
| 23 Imported luxury Taxis having purchase value above rupees 15 lakhs | 33% of the purchase value of the vehicle. |
| 24 Construction Equipment Vehicles such as excavators, loaders, backhoe, compactor rollers, road rollers, dumpers, motor graders, mobile cranes, dozers, forklift trucks, self loading concrete mixers etc | 7% of the purchase value of the vehicle. |
| 25 Imported Construction Equipment Vehicles such as excavators, loaders, backhoe, compactor rollers, road rollers, dumpers, motor graders, mobile cranes, dozers, forklift trucks, self loading concrete mixers etc. | 13% of the purchase value of the vehicle.”; |

(ii) after serial number D and the entries against it in columns (2) and (3), the following serial number and entries shall respectively be inserted, namely:—

“E. Motor cabs, Tourist motor cabs and Luxury Taxis which are originally registered in other State on or after 1st April, 2014 and migrated to the Kerala State As per the Table below.

F. Motor cabs, Tourist Motor Cabs and Luxury Taxis which were registered on or after 1st April, 2014 and reclassified from the category of Non-Transport Vehicle As per the Table below.”;

(f) for ANNEXURE II, the following ANNEXURE shall be substituted, namely:—

“ANNEXURE II

Lump sum Tax

[See proviso to section 3(1) and section 4(1)]

| <i>Sl. No.</i> | <i>Class of Vehicle</i> | <i>Rate of tax for 5 years (in Rupees)</i> |
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| (1) | (2) | (3) |
| A. | Old Motor cycles (including motor scooters and cycles with attachments for propelling the same by mechanical power) and bicycles of all categories with or without side car or drawing a trailer. | 900 |
| B. | Three Wheelers (including tricycles and cycle rickshaws with attachments for propelling the same by mechanical power) not used for transport of goods or passengers | 900 |
| C. | New autorickshaws and autorickshaws which were originally registered in other States on or after 1 st April, 2010 and migrated to the State of Kerala. | 2000 |
| D. | Motor cabs | 7000 |
| E. | Tourist Motor cabs | 8500 |
| F. | Motor cars having ULW not exceeding 750 Kg. | 6400 |

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| G. Motor cars having ULW more than 750 Kg. but not more than 1500 Kg. | | 8600 |
| H. Motor cars having ULW more than 1500 Kg. | | 10600 |
| I. Goods carriages having GVW up to 3000 Kg. | | |
| (i) Motor Cycle trucks not exceeding 300 Kg. | | 2700 |
| (ii) Goods Carriages with GVW not exceeding 1000 Kg. | | 4400 |
| (iii) Goods Carriages with GVW exceeding 1000 Kg. but not exceeding 1500 Kg. | | 8400 |
| (iv) Goods Carriages with GVW exceeding 1500 Kg. but not exceeding 2000 Kg. | | 11000 |
| (v) Goods Carriages with GVW exceeding 2000 Kg. but not exceeding 3000 Kg. | | 14100.”. |