

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
(MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT  
(TRANSPORT WING)

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To

The Transport Secretaries of all  
State Governments/U.T. Administrations.

Subject : Ramp Equipment used for flight handling -

Sir,

1. I am directed to say that the Ministry of Civil Aviation have pointed out that some of their specialised equipments which are used for flight handling within the premises of the Air Port had been seized and Airport Authorities asked to register the same like any other vehicle. They have pointed out that such equipments do not come under the purview of Motor Vehicle Act as these are of specialised nature and cannot be made up of for general applications. A list of these equipments is enclosed for ready reference.

2. The matter has been examined in this Ministry and it is observed that :-

- (a) the specialised equipments adopted for use within the enclosed Airport Areas only cannot be deemed to be Motor Vehicles under Section 2(29) of the Motor Vehicles Act.
- (b) An Aerodrome is apparently a restricted area. It cannot be deemed to be a public place as defined in Section 2(34) of the Motor Vehicles Act.
- (c) As the specialised equipments will be driven within the enclosed Airport areas only, no driving licence, in term of provisions of the Motor Vehicle Act, is necessary for driving these equipments. However, such a requirement may be laid down by the employer in their recruitment rules.

In view of the above, I am to request that while deciding the question whether or not a specialised equipment used within enclosed Airport areas is required to be registered under the Motor Vehicle Act, 1988, the State Government/UP Administrations may kindly take into account the observations contained in Para 2 above.

Yours faithfully

Sd/-

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