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Government of India,
Ministry of Surface Transport,
Transport Wing.

No. RT-11041/1/91-TAG.

New Delhi, the 21st March, 1991.

To

The Transport Commissioners of all
State Governments/Union Territory Administrations.
(By name)

Subject: Procedure for certifying the prototype of vehicles as per
Rule 126 of the Central Motor Vehicles Rules, 1989.

In continuation of my letter No. RT-11041/1/91/TAG dated 11th March, 1991, I am to inform that the Automotive Research Association of India have informed that the commercial vehicles and some models of three-wheelers are rolled out from the manufacturers premises in drive away chassis form. In this form, the vehicle will not be having the cabinet and load body. Also in some models, the windsreen wiper, head light, etc. are also not fitted. All these items are fitted subsequently when the body is built.

2. Thus the ARAI have informed that in the prototype certificates issued under Rule 126 of the CMVR, 1989 they would be indicating that the compliance to rules regarding fitment of such items have not been verified. The manufacturers certificates in form 22 for such vehicles would also make a similar note.

3. The Association of Indian Automobile Manufacturers are advising the buyers of such chassis, the details of the MVA-CMVR provisions with which they and the body builder would have to comply before their vehicle could be registered.

4. The Association of Indian Automobile Manufacturers have also informed that they are specifying separate chassis numbers of vehicles produced after 1st April, 1991, to all the Transport Commissioner. This may also be noted and the fact communicated to all the RTOs for guidance. This is because Rule 122 of the CMVR, 1989 for regarding embossing of the chassis number/engine number has not yet come into force and a question may arise as to what is the criteria to determine whether a vehicle has been manufactured before or after first April, 1991.

5. This is brought to your notice for guidance. Appropriate amendments to the Motor Vehicles Rules would be made in due course.

Yours faithfully,

Sd/- G.K. Pillai,

Joint Secretary to the Government of India.

Endt. on C1/246/TC/91 dt. 24.4.91.

Copy forwarded to all DTCs, RTOs and Jt. RTOs for information and necessary action.

Sd/- C. Narayanan,

Sr. Dy. Transport Commissioner (T)
For Transport Commissioner.

Approved for issue

Sr. Superintendent.

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