

Copy of the letter No.G3;11912/TC/98 dated 6.10.98 from  
K.J.Joseph,I.P.S., Additional Director General of Police,  
Transport Commissioner. ~~Addressed~~

Sir,

Sub:- Transport of goods in passenger vehicles (Tourist buses) - direction issued.

Ref: Letter No.GEN/98 dtd 12.8.98 from the Inspecting  
Asst. Commissioner, Sales Tax Check post, Walayar.

Much difficulties are being experienced in the various check posts due to indiscriminate transport of goods in passenger vehicles mainly in Tourist buses. The smooth functioning of the check posts are being adversely affected due to the large number of interstate Tourist buses which carry abundant quantity of goods. These vehicles are not actually conducting Tourist services. Most of them passes the check posts during night hours connecting various states of India.

Most of these goods are not personal luggages of passengers but commercial goods transported interstate for sale within the state of Kerala for the purpose of evading sales tax, causing huge revenue loss to Government. Although considerable number of cases have been booked, it is difficult to put an end to this practice unless the tourist bus operators and regular interstate private bus operators are prevented from accepting such consignments from regular tax evading traders.

In the circumstances, your personal attention is invited to take legal action against the transportation of goods other than passenger luggages, violating the permit condition. KMV Rules 154 clearly specifies that the stage carriages and contract carriages can carry only goods carried by the passengers and that to the maximum limit permitted in the permit. Therefore the bus operators can be booked for violation of permit condition as per section 86 of M.V.Act.


Hence Regional Transport Officer, Palakkad and Kasargode are directed to take immediate steps to findout such cases and ~~enforce~~ enforce KMV Rules 154(5) effectively.

Yours faithfully,  
Sd/-

Administrative Officer  
for Transport Commissioner.

Copy to All DTCS for information and necessary action.  
Copy Sr. DIC(Taxation etc.  
Encl. No.G/2712/SZ/98 dated 21.10.98.

Copy to MVI Check post Aryankavu and Amaravila are directed to take immediate steps find out such cases and enforce KMV Rule 157(5) effectively.  
Copy communicated to DTC(SZ),Tvm, Jt. RTO(Admn) MVI(FS) and H.C. for information.

  
16/12/98  
Dy. Transport Commissioner(SZ),  
Thiruvananthapuram.

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