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Office of the  
Transport Commissioner,  
Thiruvananthapuram  
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CIRCULAR NO. 8 /91.

Sub: Motor Vehicles - use of red light on the top of vehicles used by Officers - violation of Rules - regarding.

Ref: 1. Govt. letter No.6962/M3/90/PW&T. dt. 6-2-90.  
2. Govt. letter No.22651/M3/90/PW&T. dt. 17-8-90.

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The issue of use of red light at the top front of their cars by Officers of the State Government and the use of car flags and star plates on the cars of Police Officers was the subject ~~was the subject~~ matter of a starred question in the State Legislature recently. The matter relating to the use of red light was examined in detail. The State Government has not specified the higher dignitaries for the purpose of clause (iii) to the proviso of rule 108 of the Central Motor Vehicles Rules. The Officers of State Government cannot be said to be higher dignitaries for the purpose of the said provision. The expression obviously connotes dignitaries such as the Governor, Ministers, Judges of High Court etc. In the circumstances the use of red light at the top of the cars of the Officers of the State Government, except in cases falling under clause (v) of the proviso to rule 108 is violation of law. Lamps emitting light other than red, to the front, can also be used only subject to provisions of rule 106 of the Central Motor Vehicles Rules.

In this connection Government in their letter 2nd cited have observed that the Motor Vehicles Department is concerned mainly to deal with violation of the provisions of the Motor Vehicles Act and Rules. Therefore, they have directed that when such violations are detected the concerned heads of Departments should be informed of the position first before taking any penal action.

Therefore all Executive Officers of the Department are requested to follow the above procedure. Penal provisions need be invoked only for continued violations.

Please acknowledge receipt.

Sd/-  
Transport Commissioner.

To  
All Deputy Transport Commissioners, Regional Transport Officers and Joint Regional Transport Officers. They are requested to bring the Circular to the notice of all field Officers.

Approved for issue

Senior Supdt.

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