

Head Office,
Motor Vehicles Department,
Thiruvananthapuram,
Dated, 24.5.99

CIRCULAR NO. 3/99

Sub : Quoting Audit observations as an authority for demanding tax by the Departmental officers-reg
Ref : Government Letter No. 13755/C1/98/Tran dated 30.1.99.

It has been brought to notice that the Departmental Officers are in the practice of quoting the audit objections raised by the Accountant General, as an authority for demanding arrears of vehicle tax, fee, etc due from the vehicle owners. This practice is creating unnecessary inconveniences to the Accountant General, when the vehicle owners are taking up the matter before the Hon'ble High Court, making the Accountant General as one of the respondents.

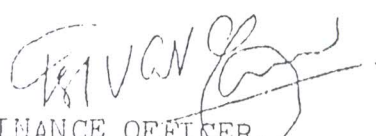
In this connection it is pointed out that the aim and purpose of the audit is to bring to the notice of the Department/Government, the items such as irregular expenditure, expenditure beyond the scope of authorisation, loss of public money caused by default/lack of supervision or other causes etc. By pointing out these lapses, the Accountant General is not expected to appear before the courts. What is expected by the Accountant General, is that the Department has to look into the audit observations and take appropriate action thereon. But it is unfortunate to see that the Departmental Officers are quoting these objections as the basis for the demand of arrears, instead of quoting appropriate provision of Act and Rules and satisfy themselves the correctness of their action.

In the circumstances, all the officers are directed to dispense with the practice of quoting the 'audit observations' in the communications given to the vehicle owners demanding the arrears of tax, fees etc.

Sd/-
Transport Commissioner.

To

All Deputy Transport Commissioners.
All Regional Transport Officers and
All Joint Regional Transport Officers
of Sub R.T. Offices for necessary action.


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