

No. C1-8593/TC/97.

Head Office:
Motor Vehicles Department,
Thiruvananthapuram.
Dated: 27.05.1998.

CIRCULAR NO.12/98

Sub:- Transport Vehicles - Certificate of
Fitness-Inspection of vehicles-Procedure
revised Orders issued.

Ref:- Circular No.9/97 dated 2.8.97.

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On the basis of the recommendations of a High Power Committee constituted by the Government, the procedure for inspection of Transport Vehicles and ~~instructions~~ issued ~~in~~ Certificate of Fitness to them, was revised and instructions issued in the Circular referred above. Since then certain difficulties in the implementation of the procedure have been brought to notice. Therefore, the contents of Circular No.9/97 are cancelled and revised procedure instructed as follows:

- (1) Vehicles which are not older than 15 years will be jointly inspected by a team of one Motor Vehicles Inspector and one Asst. Motor Vehicles Inspector. Both the officers will sign all the concerned documents.
- (2) Vehicles which are more than 15 years old will be inspected by a team consisting of one Regional Transport Officer and one Joint Regional Transport Officer provided that, one of the two officers will be a technically qualified person. Both the officers will sign all the concerned documents.
- (3) In respect of vehicles which are defective, CPFR will be prepared on the spot and signed by the concerned officer(s).
- (4) The certificate will be issued only after rectification of defects if any, recorded by either of the officers of the inspection team.
- (5) In respect of the first two categories of vehicles described above, super checks will be conducted by superior officers at random as follows:
 - a) A technically qualified RTO/Joint RTO will conduct super check in the case of vehicles which are not older than 15 years.
 - b) A technically qualified Deputy Transport Commr. will conduct super check of vehicles which are more than 15 years old.
 - c) Joint RTOs, RTOs and DTCs, who are not technically qualified may undertake super check with the help of an immediate subordinate officer who is technically qualified.

- d) The Senior Officer who conducts super check will sign the certificate of fitness in the RC book. All super checking officers will maintain a record of such vehicles and submit report in their diaries to the Transport Commissioner.
- (5) The owner of a transport vehicle will have the option of remitting fee for conduct of inspection either at the counter in the office or personally with the inspecting officer(s).
- (7) Officers who accept such fees will follow the procedure applicable to compounding fees.
- (8) On inspection if a vehicle is found fit, the certificate will be prepared on the spot and issued. The present practice of carrying the records and directing the owner to the office, is strictly prohibited.
- (9) Officers who are members of inspecting teams are prohibited from associating unauthorised officers in the process of inspection of the vehicles.

All Officers are expected to understand the spirit behind these instructions and ensure that the system of inspection and issue of certificate of Fitness is effectively implemented, so that in the interest of safety of public, only those vehicles which are really in fit condition are allowed to ply on the roads. It may also be kept in mind that whenever an accident is found to be caused by mechanical defects of a certified vehicle, those officers who had issued the certificate stand the risk of suspension from service and disciplinary proceedings.

The receipt of the Circular will be acknowledged. The revised system will be effective from 15.06.1998.

Sd/-

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Additional Director General of
Police, Transport Commissioner,

To

All Deputy Transport Commissioners,
All Regional Transport Officers &
All Joint Regional Transport Officers of
Sub Regional Transport Offices & All Motor
Vehicles Inspectors of Check Posts.

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For Regional Transport Officer,
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