

COPY OF THE LR. NO. B1-5371/TC/69 DT. 19-9-1969 FROM THE TRANSPORT
COMMISSIONER, TRIVANDRUM TO ALL REGIONAL TRANSPORT OFFICERS.

Sub: Cases of overloads in goods vehicles - instructions - reg.

Ref: Nil.

The Kozhikode District Lorry Owners' Association in their letter dated 10-3-69 addressed to the Minister for Transport has represented among other things, that lorry owners are charged even for negligible overloads. It is also stated in the representation that the Association is all along discouraging its members in taking overloads in goods vehicles, but the goods taken in the vehicles according to the best knowledge and estimate of the drivers may, at times, vary beyond the permitted laden weight as the weight of equal lots of goods like timber, firewood etc, greatly varies according to their quality. The Association therefore requests to allow a little margin in the permitted laden weight for goods vehicles as such slight overloads are not intentional.

The various aspects of the above request of the Association have been examined in detail. It is felt reasonable to allow 5% marginal adjustment over and above the permitted laden weight of goods vehicles. This is being done in Madras State also. In the circumstances, you are requested to see that overloads not exceeding 5% of the PLW of goods vehicles are not noted as an offence by the checking officers. Cases of overloads already pending with you may be disposed of in the light of these instructions.

Sd/-

Transport Commissioner