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Head Office, Motor Vehicles Department, Thiruvananthapuram, Dated: 19.3.2003.

CIRCULAR NO.9/2003

Sub:- M.Vs.Dept. - Illicit Taxi Operation of Private Vehicles by way of Rent-a-cab Scheme - Instructions issued.

Ref:- Complaint dated 12.12.2002 from Thiruvalla Taluk Drivers Union.

Complaints have been received from Taxi Drivers Union, Thiruvalla about the illicit taxi operation of private vehicles under the title of Rent-a-cab Scheme which causes lot of hardship to the existing taxi operators. No licence under Rent-a-cab Scheme has been issued in Kerala so far. Such operations is violation of section 66 of the M.V.Act and hence an offence punishable under Section 192 A of the M.V.Act. The said offence is not a compoundable under Section 200. Therefore prosecution steps have to be taken against the offenders. As per section 207 of the M.V.Act a vehicle operating without a permit can be seized and detained by the authorities concerned. In view of the afore said situation, all Regional -Transport Officers, Joint Regional Transport Officers and other officers concerned are directed to take stringent action against the illegal operation of private cars under the title Reng-A-Cab Scheme.

The receipt of the circular shall be acknowledged.

For Transport Commissioner.

To

All Regional Transport Officers, Joint Regional Transport Officers & Motor Vehicles Inspectors for information and necessacy action.

Copy to: CA to TC, Secretary, STA for information.

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