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Head Office,  
Motor Vehicles Department,  
Thiruvananthapuram,  
Dated: 29.5.1998.

From

K.J. Joseph, IFS,  
Additional Director General of Police,  
Transport Commissioner.

To

All Regional Transport Officers and  
All Joint Regional Transport Officers.

Sir,

Sub:- Vehicle tax - payment of tax by newly registered  
taxi/tourist taxi cars - Clarification issued.

Many of the Taxation Officers have addressed this Head Office for a clarification under the new system of compulsory payment of "one-time tax" by motor cars, whether a taxi/tourist taxi owner should be compelled to pay one-time tax. This question has been referred to Government for orders. Meanwhile, it is come to notice that different taxation officers are following different procedures, leading to serious inconvenience to vehicle owners in certain jurisdictions. Therefore, until otherwise orders by the Government the under mentioned procedure will be followed;

Under Rule 5 of MV Rules, 1975, a newly purchased vehicle gets a grace period of 14 days for payment of tax. Therefore, intending buyers of a car which is to be used as tourist taxi/taxi may first obtain "sanction proceedings" from the SPA/RPA. When such proceedings are produced before the Registering Authority, the car may be registered as a taxi/tourist taxi and payment of annual tax will be allowed.

In case of cars which have been already purchased and registered (but tax not yet paid), if sanction proceedings are produced within the grace period of 14 days, endorsement may be revised, so that tax could be paid annually.

This may be given wide publicity in your jurisdiction.

Yours faithfully,

  
Transport Commissioner.

Copy to: All Zonal DTCs for information and supervision.

- Copy to
1. Senior DTC (Taxation)
  2. Secretary, DTA, who is to ensure that request for sanction proceedings from intending tourist taxi buyers are processed without any delay