

Transport Department

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To
All Regional Transport Officers
in TamilNadu.

Lr.No.113598/E1/92

Dt:30-07-93

Sir,

Sub: Motor Vehicles-Registration of Articulated Vehicles- Clarification-
Reg.

Ref: 1. Government of India Ministry of Surface Transport
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A copy of letter in the reference cited is enclosed here with and all
Regional Transport officers are requested to follow the proceeding clarified in it.

Sd. B.Magadevan,
Deputy Transport Commissioner

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
Ministry of Surface Transport
Transport Wing

No RT-11044/1992-MVL New Delhi

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To

The Transport Secretaries of all the State Governments / Union Territory
Administrations

Sub: Registration of Articulated Vehicle – Clarification – Reg

Sir,

I am directed to say that it has been brought to the notice of this ministry that in the absence of proper clarification, some states transport departments are insisting on registration of articulated vehicle as two separate unit with separate registration number for the prime mover and semi trailer. Similarly both units of an articulated vehicle are being separately tax, which has resulted in double taxation in certain cases. This matter has been examined in the ministry keeping in view the amendments proposed to section 66(2) of the

Motor Vehicles Act and also the recent notification reclassifying the types of vehicles in terms of Section 41(4) of Motor Vehicles Act. The position has emerged as follows:

1. An articulated vehicle is a combination of prime mover and semi trailer for movement on road Section 2(2).
2. Prime mover has not been separately defined and its only a part of a motor vehicle called articulated vehicle
3. A semi-trailer is not a trailer the semi trailer is not a motor vehicle. It is not eligible for independent registration as section 61 makes no mention about semi-trailers.
4. The government has decided to allow inter changeability of trailers and semi trailer by amending Section 66.

In the view of the forgoing it is suggested that

- a) One registration Mark as for a transport vehicle should be assigned to an articulated vehicles comprising of prime mover and a semi-trailer hitched into it. Any additional or alternate trailers can be indicated by the applicant in Form 20 and by the registering authorities in Form 23.
- b) No Semi Trailer may be assigned separate registration mark. The Particulars of Semi-trailers(s) will be mentioned in Forms 20 and 23.
- c) The tax may be levied on the sum total of the unladen weight of the prime mover and GVW of the Semi- trailer. In case a number of alternate semi trailers are also being registered with the prime mover, the GVW of the trailer which is the highest should be accounted for this purpose.
- d) The articulated vehicle comprising of the prime mover and a semi trailer is to be registered under transport registration mark and transport (Goods Carriage) vehicle as a whole.
- e) When prime mover and semi trailer of different registered articulated vehicle are use under the provisions of Section 66(2) interchanged and used the registration mark of the articulated vehicle to which the prime mover belongs will be exhibited on the prime mover and the registration mark of the articulated vehicle to which the semi trailer belongs will be exhibited on the Semi trailer.
- f) The age of an articulated vehicle shall be reckoned with reference to the date of registration of prime mover.

Yours Faithfully
Sd.xxxxxxxx
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