

GOVERNMENT OF PUDUCHERRY
TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT

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Sub: TD - RTO (HQ) - Conditions for Operation of Battery Operated Transport Vehicles operated under Contract Carriage - Communication - Regarding

Ref: S.O. 5333 (E), dated 18-10-2018 of the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways, New Delhi

The Ministry of Road Transport and Highways, New Delhi vide G.S.R 589 (E), dated 16-09-2005 notified the definition by inserting item 'u' in Rule 2 of Central Motor Vehicles Rules, 1989 for the battery operated vehicle as follows:

"Rule 2 (u): 'Battery Operated Vehicle' means a vehicle adapted for use upon roads and powered exclusively by an electric motor whose traction energy is supplied exclusively by traction battery installed in the vehicle."

The Ministry vide its S.O. 5333 (E), dated 18-10-2018 has notified that the Section 66 (1) : Necessity of Permits, shall not apply for (i) a Battery Operated Vehicle as defined under clause (u) of rule 2 of the Central Motor Vehicles Rules, 1989, (ii) a vehicle driven on methanol fuel; and (iii) a vehicle driven on ethanol fuel.

The Transport Department, Puducherry in compliance with the above orders of the Ministry, has allowed the use of such vehicles as transport vehicles without holding a 'permit'. In this regard, it is hereby directed the owners of such vehicles to adhere the conditions prescribed in the Annexure enclosed herewith for use of the above said type of vehicles as Transport vehicles. Further, the dealer of such motor vehicles and Assistant Registering Authorities at present shall not collect the Road Tax. But, the owners of the vehicles shall be informed that they have to pay the road tax as per schedule of Puducherry Motor Vehicles Taxation Act, 1967 from the date of expiry of five years from the date of initial registration of battery operated transport vehicles.


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**GOVERNMENT OF PONDICHERRY
OFFICE OF THE TRANSPORT COMMISSIONER, PONDICHERRY**

CONDITIONS FOR OPERATION OF BATTERY OPERATED TRANSPORT VEHICLES OPERATED UNDER
A CONTRACT FOR WHICH PERMIT IS NOT REQUIRED AS PER MOTOR VEHICLE ACT, 1988 i.e.
(SECTION 66 OF THE MOTOR VEHICLE ACT, 1988 WILL NOT APPLY)

1. The contract carriages should ply in the route or area in which they are allowed to Ply.
2. Trip- sheet should be maintained in the prescribed form.
3. It should not carry persons in excess of the seating capacity allowed in the Certificate of Registration (RC).
4. Tax shall be paid at the scheduled rate under the prevailing taxation rules.
5. The fare-table (if applicable) should be exhibited in the vehicle in a conspicuous place.
6. Change of address and stoppages from service should be intimated to the Transport Authority.
7. No advertisement shall be exhibited without the permission of the Transport Authority.
8. The vehicle shall always possess a valid certificate of fitness.
9. The vehicles shall be duly insured under the provisions of the Chapter XI of the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988.
10. Any class or description of goods, the conveyance of which contravenes any law or any rules, by law or order made there under prohibiting or regulating the import, export or transport of such goods shall not be present in the vehicle even when it is stationary.
11. The vehicle shall not be used as a stage carriage.
12. The owner shall use the vehicle as per the provisions of the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988 and the rules, regulations or guidelines issued there under.
13. The owner of a Transport vehicle should ensure that the person in charge of the vehicle should not refuse to ply for hire at any time when the vehicle is not actually engaged and should not demand fare in excess of the prescribed fare.
14. Drivers who are not duly authorized to drive public service vehicles and drivers who are disqualified from driving public service vehicles should not be employed to drive the vehicle by the vehicle owner.
15. The owner of vehicle should communicate to the Transport Commissioner the name and address of the drivers who are at present working under him. Any change in the name or address of the personnel should also be reported and when they occur within three days of such change to the Transport Commissioner, Puducherry.
16. The vehicle owner should on demand by the Transport Commissioner or by any officer authorized for the purpose, give all particulars regarding the name and address and the license and the badge number held by the driver of the public service vehicles which are in his possession or any reasonable diligence can be ascertained by him.
17. The vehicle shall not be allowed or caused to be allowed to carry any stolen or contraband property with the knowledge that the same was stolen or contraband.
18. The vehicle shall be so maintained as to be available for the service for which the vehicle was registered. The registration is liable to be suspended or cancelled after due notice to the owner, if the vehicle has not been used for the purpose for which it was registered for a continuous period of more than 15 days during its validity, unless the owner had obtained in writing the prior permission of the Transport Department to suspend the service of the vehicle for specific period exceeding 15 days.
19. The vehicle shall be let on contract expressed or implied for the use of the vehicle either as a whole or as a part by passengers who may pay separate fares to ply from one point to another without stopping to pick up or let down along the line or the route.
20. The owner shall exercise such supervision over the work of his employees as is necessary to ensure that the vehicle is operated in conformity with the Act and Rules and shall not use or cause or allow to be used the vehicle in the commission of any offence under any general or special local law or any statutory control under in force in the U.T of Pondicherry and shall be responsible for the conduct of his driver and his other employees.
21. The owner shall ensure that adequate arrangements are made for the comfort, convenience and safety of the passengers carried.
22. In the case of Motor- Cabs the word "Taxi" should be painted on both front and rear registration number plated in red.

23. In case of an auto-rickshaw the owner shall fix and maintain a milometer or a fare meter in proper working order and shall not drive the vehicle or cause to be driven in a public place unless such a meter is fixed and maintained.
24. The reporting of the vehicles used as tourist vehicles atleast once in every three months and should be endorsed by any of the RTO (P), RTO (O), RTUO (V), RTUO (B), RTO (Karaikal), RTO (Yanam), RTO (Mahe) in any of the four regions in the Union Territory of Puducherry.
25. The penalties applicable for non-compliance of the permit conditions attached with a contract carriage permit issued under section 74 of the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988 to a vehicle other than a battery operated vehicle will also be applicable for non-compliance of the conditions mentioned above by the battery operated transport vehicles used for hire or reward under a contract.
26. The owner has to pay the tax as per schedule of Puducherry Motor Vehicles Taxation Act, 1967 from the date of expiry of 5 years from the date of initial registration of battery operated transport vehicles.

Trip -sheet (See condition No. 2)

Name of permit holder :

1. (a) Name of the driver :
 - (b) His licence number :
 2. a) Starting place :
 - b) Terminus :
 - c) Route followed :
 - d) Distance :
 3. Time of commencement and time of arrival
with particulars of halts :
 4. Particulars of goods carried
27. In the case of motor-cabs, a weight of 15 kgs of passenger luggage per passenger shall be carried free of charge.
28. Every vehicle used for hire or reward shall have a first-aid box containing the following articles:
- a. Sterilized finger dressings.
 - b. Sterilized hand and foot dressings.
 - c. Sterilized large or body dressings.
 - d. One extra large, two large and three small sterilized burn dressings,
 - e. Two half ounce packets of sterilized cotton wool.
 - f. A bottle of 2 per cent tincture iodine.
 - g. A bottle of salvolathile.
 - h. Empty bottle fitted with cork and camel hair brush for eye drops.
 - i. Two ounce medicine glass.

Date:

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