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Sub: TD – RTO (HQ) – Issuance of Driving Licence to hearing impaired persons
– Communication – Regarding

Ref: Lt. No. RT – 11021/40/2014-MVL, dated 06-11-2023 of Ministry of Road
Transport & Highways (MVL Section), New Delhi.

The Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MVL Section), New Delhi reiterated the extant guidelines vide reference cited. Wherein, it is stated that the Ministry through the letters even number dated 14-06-2016 and 28-10-2016 has issued the guidelines for grant of driving licences and registration certificates to differently abled persons including hearing impaired. The Ministry has been receiving representations highlighting the problems that some States are still not complying with the extant guidelines / advisory for issuance of driving licences to hearing impaired persons. In this regard, attention is invited towards para 2 of advisory dated 28-10-2016, which inter – alia states that:

“Driving is primarily a visual function with little inputs from hearing. Many developed countries give hearing impaired people the privilege of being able to drive. If a person is rehabilitated with hearing amplification (hearing aid or cochlear implant) and can hear reasonably with the same then there seems little reason to deprive him or her of a driving licence. For patients not fully rehabilitated some countries do grant the privilege to drive. This is important with regard to opportunities we wish to grant to the disabled. It is well recognized that the loss of hearing does not pre-se impact the ability to drive. As an added precaution, should be asked to display on the car a sign indicating the driver is hearing impaired. All such applications should take a stringent driving test under the actual road condition circumstances as is the case for normal individuals.”

Hence, the Licencing / Assistant Licencing Authorities of this department are hereby directed to follow the above said guidelines / advisory for issuance of driving licences to hearing impaired persons without any deviation.


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