

TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT

From

The Transport & Road Safety
Commissioner,
Commissionerate of Transport & Road
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To

All Zonal Officers,
All Regional Transport Officers,
All Motor Vehicles Inspectors
Tamil Nadu.

R.No. 23666/HB2/2020**Dated: 14.12.2023****(Circular No. 104/2023)**

Sub: Motor Vehicles – Fixation of Reflective Tapes and Rear
Marking Plates – Circular issued – reg.
Ref: This Office Lr. R. No.23666-HB2-2019, dated, 30.11.2023

The Rule 104 of Central Motor Vehicle Rule, 1989 emphasizes that reflectors and reflective tapes are to be affixed in the vehicle as per the AIS-057 (Rev. 1):2010 and AIS:090-2005 respectively.

The very purpose of fixing reflective tapes is to avoid accidents due to non-visibility. In case the reflective tape is not original, the very object for fixing of tapes and rear marking plates will be defeated.

Several circular and other instructions were issued in this office vide the cited references for affixing the reflective tapes.

The present system is that certificates are being issued by the Dealers for fitment of retro-reflective tapes through the online portal, rtvsta.tn.gov.in. Vehicle owners are required to obtain these certificates from dealers and present the same during the Fitness Certification. The certificates so produces are being verified online in the rtvsta.tn.gov.in by the Department officials.

But, complaints were received that duplicate stickers are being fixed in some areas which lose the sheen quickly and thereby compromising with road safety.

Hence, to check the genuineness of the sticker, officers were instructed to verify the same with rtvsta.tn.gov.in and necessary instructions in this regard were issued in this office vide the cited letter.

But, the Lorry Owners' Association made a complaint that in some areas, even though the already affixed stickers are in good condition with sheen, the dealers have been unauthorizedly collecting some amount to issue a certificate, which cannot be permitted. The spirit with which the cited instructions were issued has been misused by some vendors.

Hence, to alleviate the misdoings of some of the vendors and to ensure that no vehicle owners should be put into unnecessary troubles, the following instructions are issued:-

1. For the vehicles which are already affixed with stickers, no fresh / New stickers shall be insisted, provided that the already affixed sticker should be in good condition. If, a portion of the reflective tape is in a damaged condition or peeled off or lost the sheen, then that portion alone should be replaced.
2. Only when new stickers are affixed, the certificate issued through rtvsta.tn.gov.in shall be insisted.
3. There should not be any complaint relating to fixing of the reflective tapes by the vendors / dealers / owners.
4. Zonal Officers are requested to tightly monitor this to avoid any complaints from any corner.



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