

No. RT-11036/70/2022-MVL  
Government of India  
Ministry of Road Transport & Highways  
Transport Bhawan, 1, Parliament Street, New Delhi-110001.

the 01 June, 2022.

To,  
The President,  
Indian Tourist Transporters Association (Regd.),  
Shop NO. 5, CSC, Kaka Nagar Market,  
Dr. Zakir Hussain Marg, New Delhi-110003.

Subject:- Fixation of Retro-Reflective Tapes on commercial vehicles having less than 9 seats.

Sir,

Please refer to your letters dated 08.09.2021 and 02.05.2022 regarding the subject mentioned above. The following is reiterated in this regard :-

- a. Category M1 means a motor vehicle used for carriage of passengers comprising not more than eight seats in addition to the driver's seat.
- b. Category M2 means a motor vehicle used for carriage of passengers comprising nine or more seats in addition to the driver's seat and having a maximum gross vehicle weight not exceeding five tones.
- c. Category M3 means a motor vehicle used for carriage of passengers comprising nine or more seats in addition to the driver's seat and having a maximum gross vehicle weight exceeding five tones.

As per the above definitions, the vehicles with less than 9 seats are kept under category M1.

2. Clause (iv) of the first proviso of rule 104 (1) of the CMVR contains provisions for affixation of reflective tapes only for M2 and M3 categories vehicles, as under:-

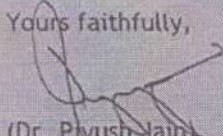
*Category M2 and M3, shall be affixed at the front with white reflective tape and at the rear with red reflective tape running across the width of the body and the sides of M3 category vehicles shall be affixed with yellow reflective tape running across the length of the body but tapes so affixed shall not be less than 50 mm width and shall conform to Annexures 4, 5 and 6 of AIS:090-2005, till the corresponding BIS specifications are notified under the Bureau of Indian Standards Act, 1986 (63 of 1986)*

3. The role of Central Government is to notify the rules/regulations under the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988 and Central Motor Vehicles Rules, 1989.

4. The implementation of provisions of Central Motor Vehicles Rules, 1989 (CMVRs) and Motor Vehicles Act, 1988 (MV Act) comes under the purview of State Transport Authority of the concerned state/UT.

Encl: As above

Yours faithfully,

  
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