GOVERNMENT OF NATIONAL CAPITAL TERRITORY OF DELHI TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT, AUTO RICKSHAW & TAXI UNIT BURARI, DELHI-110084

F.No.DC (ARU)/Tpt/EPCA/2010/16

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The Chairman (EPCA), Centre for Science and Environment, Core – 6 A, 4th Floor, India Habitat Centre, Lodhi Road, New Delhi-110003

Sir,

With reference to the Note No. EPCA/11/2009/9 dated 11.11.2009, the details are being furnished by the Transport Department as follows:-

I. <u>Number of TSRs Registered in Delhi</u>

| there dates. | a) Total No. of TSRs in series DL1RA to DL1RR - | 36714 |
|-----------------|-------------------------------------------------|-------|
| | b) Total No. of TSRs in series DL1RK & DL1RL - | 18522 |
| | c) Total No. TSRs registered in Delhi (a + b) - | 55236 |

II. <u>Number of TSRs replaced:</u>

<u>72,429</u> TSRs have been replaced in Delhi at various stages, after the orders dated 16.12.1997 of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of <u>Hock</u> India in WP (C) No. 13029 of 1985. 1^{4}

- III. For replacing the two stroke TSRs to four stroke, the policy was implemented after the Cabinet Decision No. 1099 dated 17.07.2006, which decided the following:-
 - (i) The scheme will be applicable on mandatory basis for all TSRs above the age of 10 years i.e. those registered before 31st July 1996. For the TSRs with less than 10 years age, it will become mandatory on achieving the age of 10 years, before that it will be optional.

- (ii) Permission to register new vehicles shall be granted on submission of proof of physical scrapping of the old vehicles.
- (iii) Transfer of permit shall be allowed from old to the new vehicle.
- (iv) The TSR operators shall be permitted to utilize the same electronic meter on the new vehicles, as was installed in the old vehicles.
- (v) Grant of subsidy at the rate of 6% of the cost of the new vehicle under plan scheme.

Subsequently, the Circular No. 20/466/Tpt/Ops/P-II/ 2008/289-295 dated 14.08.2008 further clarified the procedure as follows:

- (i) It is made clear to one and all that there is no restriction for replacement of the vehicles even before the expiry of the life as laid down by the Supreme Court. Any person who owns a vehicle with a valid permit can at any time on his own volition come forward for the replacement of the vehicle and the Department will not create any hindrance in its replacement provided the vehicle is scrapped after following the due process as is being observed in the case of vehicles which complete their life of 15 years.
- (ii) The above scheme is optional.
- (iii) Government will not grant any subsidy on the replacement of the auto rickshaws which are not covered in the replacement scheme for two stroke auto rickshaws as per Cabinet Decision No. 1099 dated 17.07.2006.
- (iv) Permission to register new vehicle shall be granted on submission of proof of physical scrapping of old vehicles.
- (v) The TSR operators shall be permitted to utilize the same Electronic Meter on the new vehicle, as was installed on old Auto-Rickshaw, which is scrapped for replacement of new Auto-Rickshaw.

Photocopy of the Cabinet Decision No. 1099 dated 17.07.2006 and the Circular dated 14.08.2008 are enclosed as Annexure-I and Annexure-II, respectively.

- IV. Conditions for Permit of Auto Rickshaws are enclosed as Annexure-III.
- V. Registration work of vehicles of the series (DL 1R B, C, D, E, F, G, H, J & R) is being done computerized on Old VAHAN software and the work of the vehicles of series DL1RK & DL1RL is being done computerized on VAHAN-2 software.
- VI. (i) <u>Linking the TSR owner and driver</u> The Smart Card Based Permits are being issued currently. The details of the driver including his name, address, badge no. etc. are being included in the card alongwith the details of the owner.
 - (ii) <u>Restriction on transfer of permits</u> Presently, there is no $\|$ restriction on transfer of permits. However, the EPCA may consider restricting transfer of permit for a specific period.
- VII. Views of TSR's Associations are not available with the Department.
- VIII. Quarterly CNG Safety Checks may be made a compulsory condition for TSRs if the OEM's can be made to conduct the leak test. Testing charges may be worked out in the consultation with M/s. SIAM, the OEM's and the Representatives of the Associations of TSR.
- IX. No inputs received in this department from the private financiers or from Delhi Financial Corporation.
- X. (i) A copy of decision of Hon'ble Supreme Court of India W.P. (C) No. 13029 of 1985 in the matter of M.C. Mehta Vs Union of India & Others – <u>Regarding</u> <u>freezing of No. of TSRs</u> is placed at Annexure-IV.
 - (ii) A copy of decision of Hon'ble Supreme Court of India, I.A. No. 203 in W.P.(C) No. 13029 of 1985 - <u>Regarding allowing</u> <u>fresh_registration_of_5000_TSRs_on_CNG/LPG_mode</u> is placed at Annexure-V.
 - (iii) A copy of the I.A. filed by the Pragati Sheel Auto Rickshaw Drivers Union in W.P. (C) No. 13029 of 1985 in the matter of M.C. Mehta Vs Union of India & Others is enclosed at Annexure-VI.
 - (iv) <u>Views of the Transport Department</u> in the matter of the above I.A. as stated in (iii) above filed by the Pragati Sheel Auto Rickshaw Drivers Union is placed at Annexure–VII.

XI. Smart Card Based Permits.

With effect from 22.10.2009, smart cards based permits are being issued for new TSR permits. The Smart Card Based Permits are also being issued in place of all the earlier paper based permits.

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The Smart Card Based Permits contain following details on the visual information zone:

- 1. Application No.
- 2. Name of applicant
- 3. Father/Husband Name
- 4. Permit No.
- 5. Address
- 6. Vehicle Registration No.
- 7. Make
- 8. Vehicle Class
- 9. Seating Capacity
- 10. Model
- 11. Valid From
- 12. Valid To
- 13. Applicant Photo
- 14. Holder's signature
- 15. Signature of issuing authority

In the Machine Readable Zone, following details are also being incorporated.

- 1. PAN No.
- 2. Voter Card ID No.
- 3. Telephone No.
- 4. Vehicle Registration No.
- 5. Engine No.
- 6. Chassis No.
- 7. Vehicle Class
- 8. Type of Body
- 9. Fare Meter No.
- 10. Receipt No.
- 11. Permit Fee
- 12. Late Fee
- 13. Issuing Authority
- 14. Area of Operation
- 15. Idle Parking Space
- 16. Fitness Expiry Date
- 17. Fitness Certificate No.
- 18. PUCC Certificate No. Page 4 of 5

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- **19. PUCC Centre Code**
- 20. PUCC Expiry Date
- 21. PUCC Issue Date
- 22. Drivers' Names
- 23. Drivers' Addresses
- 24. Drivers' DL Nos.
- 25. DL Valid Till (Tpt.)
- 26. DL Valid Till (Non Tpt.)
- 27. Drivers' Badges' Nos.
- 28. Drivers' Authorization Form
- 29. Driver's Badges' Validity Date
- 30. Finger Print Data

Till 04.01.2010, about <u>14,500</u> smart card based permits have been issued and a copy of the Smart Card Based Permit is enclosed at Annexure-VIII. The process of issuance is continuing at present.

Thanks.

Yours faithfully,

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