

CHAPTER-I

TRAFFIC CONTROL

3. Traffic signs and traffic police- The driver of a motor vehicle and every other person using the public road shall obey every direction given by a police officer, whether by signal or word or notice or otherwise or, given through the traffic sign or signal, fixed or operated on the public road.

4. Driving license-No person shall drive a motor vehicle of any description in any public place under the jurisdiction of the Commissioner unless he/she holds a valid driving license issued by the competent authority authorizing him/her to drive such vehicle.

5. Keeping to the left- The driver of a motor vehicle shall drive as close to the left hand side of the road as may be expedient and shall allow all traffic which is proceeding in the same direction to pass on his right hand side.

6. Turning to the left and right- The driver of a motor vehicle shall.

(a) when turning to left, drive as close as possible to the left hand side of the road from which he/she is making a turn and first indicate the same, either manually or by an indicator light to the traffic behind him/her, then arrive as near as may be at the left hand side of the road which he/she is entering; and

(b) when turning to the right, first indicate the same either manually or by an indicator light to the traffic behind him/her, then draw as near as may be to the centre of the road along which he/she is travelling, and then arrive as near as may be at the right hand side of the road which he/she is entering.

7. Passing to the right -Except as provided in regulation-6, the driver of a motor vehicle shall pass to the right of all traffic proceeding in the same direction as himself/herself.

8. Passing to the left- The driver of a motor vehicle may pass to the left of a vehicle, the driver of which has indicated an intention to turn to the right and drawn to the centre of the road, or moved further right.

9. Overtaking prohibited in certain cases

(1) Where the road is divided into lanes,-

(a) no driver of a motor vehicle shall drive in a lane unless he/she conforms to the speed limit marked for the specific lane;

(b) the driver of a motor vehicle shall not pass a vehicle driving in the same lane as himself/herself;

(c) the driver of a motor vehicle shall only pass the driver in front of him/her when the intention is to change over to the right side lane.

(2) where the road, whether divided into lanes or not, is not wide enough to allow more than one vehicle to pass at a time, the driver of a motor vehicle shall not pass a vehicle, driving in the same direction as himself/herself.

10. Overtaking not to be obstructed- The driver of a motor vehicle shall not, when being overtaken or being passed by another vehicle, increase speed or do anything in anyway to prevent the other vehicle from passing him/her.

11. Caution at road junction

(1) The driver of a motor vehicle shall slow down when approaching such intersection, junction with or without Zebra Crossing mark at which traffic is not being regulated, if the road entered is a main road designated as such, and give way to all traffic approaching the intersection on his right hand side.

(2) No vehicle shall cross any stop line or Zebra Crossing at road intersections.

12. Giving way to traffic at road junction- The driver of a motor vehicle shall, on entering a road intersection at which traffic is not being regulated and if the road entered is a main road designated as such, give way to the vehicles proceeding along that road, and in any other case give way to all traffic approaching the intersection on his right hand.

13. Stop sign on road surface

(1) when instruction to stop is given by any Police personnel by signal or by means of a traffic control light or by the display of any traffic sign at a road junction or pedestrian crossing (Zebra Crossing), the driver of a vehicle shall remain behind the STOP-line painted, indicated or inlaid into the surface of any road at the place.

(2) when there is no traffic personnel or a traffic signal at any road intersection, the driver of a motor vehicle shall similarly stop before the STOP-line and give way to the pedestrians, cyclists or vehicles crossing over to the other side on the Zebra Crossing.

14. Right to way- The pedestrians have the right to way at uncontrolled pedestrian crossings

15. Cyclists and pedestrians

(1) Cyclists shall stick to the cycle tracks where these have been laid, and where there is no such track, they shall keep to the extreme left.

(2) Pedestrians shall stick to pedestrian tracks and pavements.

(3) Cyclists and pedestrians shall stick to Zebra Crossing while crossing over to the other side of the road.

(4) No cyclist or Pedestrians shall cross any road vertically, except at Zebra Crossing , subway and such other crossings meant for the purpose.

(16) Cycle tracks, pedestrian tracks, pavements

(1) There shall not be any encroachment by anybody on any cycle/ pedestrian track, pavement, and other similar tracks for the purpose of parking of any type of vehicle, or for exhibition, display or sale of any goods, food and drinks by stationary or moving shops and carts.

(2) The cycle/pedestrian tracks shall not be used for the purpose of any meeting, public performance, religious/social function, or charity work.

(3) A driver of a motor vehicle, except under the orders of a police officer in uniform, shall not drive on such footpath or cycle track for pavement.

17. Taking 'U' turn - No driver of a motor vehicle shall take a 'U' turn in one-way traffic roads, roads having busy traffic , roads having median divider. When a 'U' turn is allowed at cuts/crossings, the driver shall show signal by hand for a right turn, watch the rear view mirror and turn when it is safe to do so.

18. Signal to be given by drivers- The following signals shall be used by the drivers of all motor vehicles either by electronic or mechanical devices or by waving of hand.

(a) indicating his/her intention to move left or to stop, or

(b) indicating his/her intention to stop or slow down where the traffic in front of him/her is not moving; or

(c) indicating his/her intention to move or turn to right; or

(d) indicating his/her intention to slow down before any traffic intersection or Zebra Crossing or STOP-line .

19. Encroachment on public roads- (1) There shall not be any encroachment on any public road for the purpose of staging any performance, or erecting any structure for under taking any kind of commercial enterprise/activity.

(2) There shall not be erection of any arch, gate, pandal, tent, shamiana, hanging or placing of any cord or pole across any road or part thereof, or the making of a projection or structure for the purpose of celebration of functions, festivals or otherwise, which may obstruct traffic of free access of light and air, or cause annoyance, inconvenience, risk, danger or damage to the passengers or public in the vicinity.

(3) There shall not be any encroachment by anybody on any public road or street for the purpose of parking of any type of vehicle, or for exhibition, display or sale of any goods, food and drinks by stationary or moving shops and carts.

(4) There shall not be any dumping of any building material, debris, rubble, rubbish, refuse, waste, garbage, usable/unusable articles or other articles or fastening or detention of any horse or other animal on any public road or public place.

(5) There shall not be any display of fire works, blasting of rocks, crushing of rocks and stones or making excavations in or near any street, public place or road.

(6) Nobody shall leave any box, bale, package or other things whatsoever, in or upon a public road, cycle track or pavement for an unreasonable length of time.

20. Fire service vehicles and ambulance to be given free passage- Every driver shall on the approach of Fire Service vehicle or an Ambulance allow free passage by moving to the left side of the road.

21. Parking of vehicles

(1) No vehicle shall be parked anywhere on any road unless the space has been notified by the Commissioner as a 'Parking Zone' and indicated as such by a sign board or mark on the road.

(2) Where parking is allowed, the driver of a vehicle shall park it in such a way that it does not cause or likely to cause danger, obstruction or undue inconvenience to other road users.

(3) Rules regarding parking of vehicles in Parking Zones and other place shall be notified by the Commissioner and published from time to time in the notice board and in local newspapers.

22. Registration marks, lights and colours on vehicles-(1) Head lights of all types of vehicle shall beam on the surface of the road only, and not in horizontal or upward direction so as to blur the vision of the other road users coming from the front.

(2) All motorists shall use dipper in their headlights during night hours.

(3) Indicator lights on all sides of the vehicle shall be properly functional.

(4) Registration and other marks that are required to be exhibited on any motor vehicle under the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988 shall conform to the specifications contained in that Act.

(5) Commercial and private vehicles shall conform to the colour schemes as prescribed under the Motor Vehicle Act, 1988

(6) Use of fancy lights and fancy registration marks are strictly prohibited.

(7) No load or goods shall be placed on any motor vehicle so as to mask or obscure vision of any light, registration mark or other marks that are required to be carried or exhibited on any motor vehicle by or under the Motor Vehicle Act, 1988.

23. One-way traffic- A driver of a vehicle shall not,-

(a) drive his/her motor vehicle on roads notified as 'ONE WAY' by the Commissioner and marked as such by a sign board or marking on the road, except in the direction specified in the said sign-board or road marking, or

(b) drive his/her vehicle in a reverse direction in a road notified as 'ONE WAY'.

24. Driving on channelised roads

(1) Where any road is marked by lanes for movement of traffic, the driver of a motor vehicle shall drive within the lane, and can change the lane only after giving proper signal to the vehicle behind him.

(2) While changing the lane, the driver of a motor vehicle shall not overtake the vehicle moving ahead of him/her.

25. Towing- No vehicle other than a mechanically disabled motor vehicle or incompletely assembled motor vehicle or a registered trailer or a side car or a vehicle being removed by traffic/police personnel shall be drawn or towed by any other motor vehicle, except for the purpose of delivery and to the nearest filling station or garage or traffic or police post.

26. Use of horns and silence zones- A driver of a motor vehicle shall not,-

(a) sound the horn beyond 10 decibel limit in any circumstance;

(b) sound the horn unnecessarily or continuously or more than necessary to ensure safety,

(c) sound the horn in SILENCE ZONES, as notified by the Commissioner and designated as such by sign-board, or

(d) use any fancy horn with musical or repetitive sound.

27. Helmets and safety belts

(1) A driver of a two-wheeler and his/her pillion rider shall use ISI marked safety helmets.

(2) A driver of a four-wheeler and its passengers in the front seat shall use seat belts. If a vehicle does not have provisions for seat belts in the front seat, then the owner of the vehicle shall get Safety Belts installed in the vehicle within a period three months from the date of commencement of these regulations.

28. Mobile phones and musical instruments- A driver of a motor vehicle or a cyclist shall not use cell phones or any musical device while driving on the road.

29. Distance from vehicles in front - The driver of a motor vehicle moving behind shall keep at a sufficient distance from other vehicles to avoid collision with the vehicle moving in front of his/her if the other vehicles suddenly slow down or stop

30. Speed limit

(1) No driver of a four wheeler or other heavy vehicle shall cross the speed limit of 50 KMPH in the commissionerate area, except on the National Highway from Palasuni bridge to Balikuda crossing where the speed limit shall not cross 70 KMPH limit.

(2) No driver of a two wheeler /three wheeler shall cross the speed limit of 50 KMPH in the Commissionerate area.

31. Restriction on driving backwards

(1) No driver of a motor vehicle shall drive or cause the vehicle to be driven backward without being satisfied that it will not cause danger or undue inconvenience to any other road user in any manner.

(2) Such backward driving shall be limited to only a distance and time that is reasonably necessary in order to turn.

(3) While such reversing, no driver shall use any device to cause sound, horn or music.

32. Regulation of passenger vehicles

(1) No passenger vehicle (four-wheeler or three-wheeler) shall carry any additional passenger beyond its registration capacity.

(2) No Taxi (four-wheeler or three -wheeler) shall operate without using an ISI marked taxi meter. They are allowed six months time from the date of commencement of these regulations to get appropriate taxi meters, as specified by the Transport Department or any other authorized agency of the Government.

(3) No three-wheeler shall allow any passenger to sit in the front seat which is to be used exclusively by the driver only.

(4) Drivers of three-wheeler shall always wear a photo identity card, issued by the Traffic Police Station/Outpost, displaying therein his photo, name, phone number, if any, and the registration number of the three-wheeler that he/she is driving.

(5) No person shall drive any passenger vehicle other than the one for which he is authorized, as displayed in his photo identity Card.

(6) No owner/driver/conductor shall allow the space of any passenger vehicle (four-wheeler/three-wheeler) to be used for smoking of cigarette etc. or consumption of alcoholic drink.

(7) No School Bus shall be used for transporting children and students to and from school or other institutions without obtaining specific permission of the Commissioner.

33. Dropping and lifting passengers by passenger vehicles

(1) No passenger vehicle (four-wheeler or three-wheeler) shall stop in the middle of a road or at traffic intersection or immediately before such intersection, to drop or lift passengers.

(2) At traffic intersection, they shall first reach the nearby bus bay and drop or lift any passenger or goods, and where there is no bus bay, they have to first cross the intersection, then draw to the left after a minimum distance of 100 metres after proper signaling to the rear traffic, and then drop or left passengers.

(3) All passenger vehicle (four-wheeler and three-wheeler) shall lift and drop passenger from places notified by the Commissioner except on telephone call from residence, emergency etc.

34. Driving goods vehicles and tractors

(1) A driver shall not ply a tractor or goods carrier from 8 AM to 10 PM on public roads or portion of public roads that have been specifically notified by the Commissioner in this behalf.

(2) A driver when driving a tractor shall not carry or allow any passenger to be carried on the tractor except the helper and coolies.

(3) A driver of a goods carriage shall not carry in the driver's cabin any additional person beyond the registration capacity, and shall not carry any passenger for hire or reward.

(4) No goods vehicle or hand-driven trolley, cycle rickshaw, etc, shall carry any timber, scaffold poles, ladders, iron girders, beams or bars, boilers or other

unwieldy articles large than the length of its trolley through roads and streets, other than the routes and driving timings as may be published from time to time by the Commissioner in the notice board and local news paper.

(5) No person shall drive in any public place any loaded motor vehicle without hoisting the precautionary signs, like visible light or red cloth even if the load is within the permissible limit and the route is a specified one for the purpose.

35. Construction/repair work in the vicinity of public road-No person shall indulge in any construction, repair, or demolition of buildings, platforms and other structures near any public road without obtaining permission from the Commissioner and taking necessary precautionary measures to prevent danger to passengers, neighbours or members of public.

36. Closure of streets temporarily- The Commissioner may close any specific street or place temporarily in public interest for the purpose of traffic regulation, in case there is apprehension of danger from ruinous buildings or structures, or other causes posing threat to public safety, or for any other administrative exigency of similar nature.

37. Restriction on movement, etc. -The Commissioner may impose restrictions on movement of cycles, rickshaws, trolleys, tom toms, other slow moving vehicles on busy streets with fast moving traffic during days and hours and for periods, as notified by him from time to time in Notice Board and newspapers.

38. Production of documents

(1) A person driving a vehicle shall, on demand by a Police officer in uniform, an officer of Transport Department or any other officer authorized by the Commissioner, produce the following documents for inspection :

(a) Driving License

(b) Registration Certificate

(c) Update tax receipt

(d) Certificate of Insurance

(e) Pollution Test Report

(f) Permit and fitness certificate (for Transport vehicles).

(2) The officer inspecting the documents shall return the documents to the driver immediately after the inspection of the documents.

39.Registration of Motor Vehicle Training Institutions

(1) All Driving Training Institutions operating within the Commissionerate area shall be registered with the Commissioner or any officer authorized by him.

(2) No such driving training shall be imparted on such main roads as determined by the Commissioner from time to time and publicized in local newspapers etc, and during 8.00 AM to 12.00 noon and 4.00 PM to 8.00 PM.

40.Vehicles on National Highway-

(1) Heavy vehicle including goods vehicle and transport vehicle plying on the NH within the Commissionerate area shall drive as close to the left side of the road as may be expedient and shall allow all traffic which is proceeding in the same direction to pass on his right hand side.

(2) They shall not drive on the right side of the road to prevent speedier light vehicle traffic.

CHAPTER - II

MOVEMENT OF ANIMALS

41. Horse, cattle and stray animals

(1) No person shall lead or accompany any cattle or a herd of cattle in a public road at any time, other than the route and timing as may be specified by the Commissioner and published in the notice board, local news paper and sign board placed on the public road for the purpose.

(2) No person shall allow his/her cattle, livestock or pet animals to stray into or squat or loiter on public places or roads so as to pose danger, obstruction or inconvenience to the public or cause accidents on the roads.

(3) No person shall ply any cattle pulled vehicle in any public road at any time, other than the route and timing as may be published by the Commissioner in the notice board, local newspaper and sign board placed on the public road for the purpose.

42. Driving etc. of elephants, wild animals etc. - Nobody shall lead, drive, conduct or convey any elephant or wild or dangerous animal through any street and during timings, without the permission of the Commissioner on such conditions as specified by him.

CHAPTER--III

TRANSPORT OF DANGEROUS SUBSTANCES & DEAD BODIES

43. Restriction to carry dangerous substances-

(1) Excepting in the routes, timing and manner as may be permitted by the Commissioner, no person shall carry or ferry in any transport vehicle at any time in any street or public place, any hazardous or noxious or otherwise dangerous substance, posing obstruction, inconvenience, annoyance, risk, danger or damage to the residents, passengers or persons in the street or public place.

(2) Except in the building or structure and site as may be permitted and licensed by the Commissioner, no person shall store in any street or public place any hazardous or noxious or otherwise dangerous substance posing obstruction, inconvenience, annoyance, risk, danger or damage to the passengers, or residents and members of public in the vicinity.

(3) Except for fuel and lubricants necessary for use in vehicles, no explosive, inflammable, hazardous, noxious or otherwise dangerous substance shall be carried on any passenger or public service vehicle.

44. Carriage of dead bodies etc. -

(1) Except in the routes, time and manner permitted by the Commissioner, no person shall carry or ferry at any time in any street or public place any corpse of deceased person, carcass of animal or part thereof, and persons or animals suffering from contagious or infectious disease which may pose obstruction, inconvenience, annoyance, risk, danger or damage to the passengers, or residents in the vicinity.

(2) Except with the permission of the Commissioner specifying the route, timing and manner, no person shall take from or into any house any house or building in any street any ordure or offensive matter or object.