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SECTION 3, SUB-SECTION (ii))

Dated the 10th, December, 1982

NOTIFICATION

G.S.R. 846 (E) Whereas the draft rules in exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (1) of section 69 (B) of the Motor Vehicles Act, 1939 (4 of 1939) were published as required by sub-section (1) of section 133 of the said Act in the Gazette of India Part II Section 3, sub-section (ii) dated 1st October, 1982, under notification of the Govt. of India in the Ministry of Shipping and Transport (Transport Wing) TW/TGM (26)/82 (S.O.No. 706 (E) dated 1st October, 1982, inviting objections and suggestions from all persons likely to be affected thereby, before the expiry of a period of 30 days from the date of Publication of the said notification in the official Gazette.

And whereas the said Gazette was made available to the public on the 1st day of October, 1982.

And whereas objections or suggestions received in matter have been considered.

Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 69 of the Motor Vehicles Act, 1939 (4 of 1939) read with section 22 of the general clauses Act 1897 (x of 1897), the Central Government hereby makes the following rules :

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| Short Title Extent
and Commencement | <p>1. (1) These rules may be called overall Dimensions of Transport Vehicles and Tyres Rules, 1982.</p> <p>(2) They shall come into force on the date of their publication in the Official Gazette.</p> |
| Definition | <p>2. In these rules, unless there is any thing repugnant in the subject or context —</p> <p>(i) "Act" means the Motor Vehicles Act, 1939 (4 of 1939).</p> <p>(ii) The words and expressions used, but not defined in these rules, but defined in Motor Vehicles Act, 1939, shall have the meanings assigned to them in that Act.</p> <p>3. <i>Overall width of motor vehicles</i></p> <p>(1) The overall width of every motor vehicle measured at right angles to the axis of the motor vehicle between perpendicular planes enclosing the extreme points shall not exceed,—</p> <p>(i) in the case of any motor vehicle excluding a public service vehicle or a transport vehicle but including a motor cab, 2.2 metres;</p> <p>(ii) in the case of a public service vehicle or a transport vehicle other than a motor cab, 2.5 metres.</p> |

Provided that in the case of a tractor not used for towing trailers carrying goods or passengers the overall width may extend to 2.7 metres :

Provided further that if the State Government is satisfied that a particular vehicle or class of vehicles having overall width in excess of the width specified in this sub-rule is found suitable for carrying out any work of public purpose, the State Government may, by notification in the official gazette, exempt from the provisions of this rule such a vehicle or class of vehicles either generally or in such area or areas on such route or routes

and subject to such conditions, if any, as may be specified in the notification.

Explanation :— For the purpose of this rule, a driving mirror or a direction indicator, when in operation, shall not be taken into consideration in measuring the overall width of a motor vehicle.

(2) Notwithstanding anything in sub-rule (1),—

- (a) the Chairman, State Transport Authority may authorise the use of a motor vehicle other than a transport vehicle but including a motor cab with overall width upto 2.5 metres;
- (b) The Regional Transport Authority or the State Transport Authority, as the case may be, or the Chairman of that authority, if authorised in this behalf by that authority, may authorise the use of transport vehicles having an overall width exceeding 2.5 metres but not exceeding 2.7 metres on a specified route or routes or in a specified area within the State;
- (c) Where a transport authority takes action under this sub-rule, it shall enter in the certificates of registration of the vehicle particulars of the route or routes on which or the area in which the vehicle may be used.

4. Overall length of motor vehicles :

(1) The overall length of every motor vehicle other than a trailer shall not exceed, —

- (i) in the case of any motor vehicle other than a transport vehicle or a public service vehicle, having not more than 2 axles, 9.5 metres;
- (ii) in the case of a transport vehicle or a public service vehicle, having two or more axles, 11 metres;
- (iii) in the case of an articulated vehicle having more than two axles, 16 metres ;
- (iv) in the case of truck-trailer combinations, 18 metres.

Provided that in such areas or on such routes as the State Government may specify in this behalf, an overall length of a public service vehicle may exceed 11 metres but shall not exceed 12 metres :

Provided further that if the State Government is satisfied that a particular vehicle or class of vehicles having overall length in excess of the length specified in this sub-rule is found suitable for carrying out any work of public purpose, the State Government may, by notification in the official gazette, exempt from the provisions of this sub-rule such vehicle or class of vehicles either generally or in such area or areas or on such route or routes and subject to such conditions, if any as may be specified in the notification;

Provided also that the Regional Transport Authority or the State Transport Authority, or its Chairman, if authorised in this behalf by the Regional Transport Authority or State Transport Authority as the case may be may authorise the use of a transport vehicle other than the articulated vehicle having an overall length exceeding 11 metres but not exceeding 16 metres on a specified route or routes, or in a specified area within the State. Where a Transport Authority takes action accordingly, it shall enter in the certificate of registration of the vehicle the route or routes on which or the area in which the vehicle may be used.

(2) In the case of an articulated vehicle or a tractor trailer combination specially constructed and used for the conveyance of indivisible loads of exceptional length,—

- (i) if all the wheels of the vehicle are not fitted with pneumatic tyres, or
- (ii) if all the wheels of the vehicle are not fitted with pneumatic tyres so long as the vehicle is not driven at a speed exceeding twentyfive kilometres per hour the overall length may extend upto 18 metres.

Explanation :— In this rule “overall length” means the length of the vehicle measured between parallel planes passing through the extreme projection points of the vehicle exclusive of—

- (i) any starting handle;

- (ii) any hood when down;
- (iii) any ladder forming part of turn table fire-escape fixed to a vehicle;
- (iv) any post office letter box the length of which measured parallel to the axis of the vehicle does not exceed 30.5 centimetres;
- (v) any ladder used for loading or unloading from the roof of the vehicle, or any tail or indicator lamp or number plate fixed to a vehicle;
- (vi) any spare wheel or spare wheel bracket or bumper fitted to a vehicle;
- (vii) any towing hook or other fitment which does not project beyond any fitment covered by clauses (iii) to (vi) of this sub-rule.

5. *Overall height of motor vehicles :*

- (1) The overall height of a motor vehicle other than a double-decked motor vehicle measured from the surface on which the motor vehicle rests shall not exceed 3.8 metres.
- (2) The overall height of a double-decked motor vehicle shall not exceed 4.75 metres;
- (3) The overall height of the laden trailer when carrying ISO series I Freight Container shall not exceed 4.2 metres.
- (4) This rule shall not apply to fire-escapes town-wagons and other special purpose vehicles exempted by the general or special order of the registering authority.

6. *Overhang of motor vehicles :*

- (1) The overhang of a tractor shall not exceed 1.85 metres.
- (2) The overhang of a motor vehicle other than a tractor shall not exceed sixty per cent of the distance between the plane perpendicular to the axis of the motor vehicle which passes through the centre or centres of the front wheel or wheels and the foremost vertical plane from which the overhang is to be measured as defined in sub-rule (3) :

Provided that the State Government may exempt from the provisions of sub-rule any motor vehicle or class of motor vehicles in such area or areas or on such route or routes and subject to such conditions, if any, as may be specified in the order, if it is satisfied that such vehicle or class of vehicles having an overhang in excess of that specified in this sub-rule can be used in a public place without any danger to public safety.

- (3) For the purposes of this rule, "overhang" means the distance measured horizontally and parallel to the longitudinal axis of the vehicle between two vertical planes at right angles to such axis passing through the two points specified in paragraphs I and II of this definition, respectively.

I. The rear most point of the vehicle exclusive of—

- (i) any hood when down;
- (ii) any post office letter-box, the length of which measured parallel to the longitudinal axis of the vehicle, does not exceed thirty centimetres;
- (iii) any ladder forming part of a turn-table fire-escape fixed to a vehicle;
- (iv) any ladder used when the vehicle is at rest for loading or unloading from the roof of the vehicle, or any tail lamp or number plate fixed to a vehicle;
- (v) any spare wheel or spare wheel bracket fitted to a vehicle;
- (vi) any luggage carrier fitted to a motor vehicle constructed solely for carriage of passengers and their effects and adapted to carry not more than seven passengers exclusive of the driver;
- (vii) any towing hook or other fitment which does not project beyond any fitment mentioned in clauses (ii) to (vi) above;

Provided that, in the case of a stage carriage —

- (a) the projection of any bumper or advertisement panel fitted at the rear of the vehicle shall not exceed 15 centimetres; and
- (b) the projection in respect of an advertisement panel shall not be such as to obstruct either the vision from the rear view mirror or project through the emergency exit at the rear or both.

- II. (i) In the case of a motor vehicle having only two axles, one of which is not a steering axle, the centre point of that axle, or
- (ii) In the case of a motor vehicle having only three axles where the front axle is the only steering axle, a point 102 millimetres in rear of the centre of a straight line joining the centre points of the rear and middle axle, or
- (iii) In any other case a point situated on the longitudinal axis of the vehicle and such that a line drawn from it at right angles to that axis will pass through the centre of the minimum turning circle of the vehicle.
- (iv) In the case of any motor vehicle registered in India before the first day of April 1940, it shall suffice if the overhang does not exceed 7/24th of the overall length of the vehicle.
- (v) In case of a motor vehicle having only three axles where two front axles are steering axles, the centre point of rearmost axle.
- (vi) In case of a motor vehicle having four axles where two front axles are steering axles, a point 102 mm in rear of the centre of a straight line joining the centre points of the rear-most two axles.

7. *Overhang of stage Carriages* : In the case of vehicle used as a stage carriage, no part of the vehicle other than a direction indicator, when in operation, or a driving mirror shall project laterally more than 355 millimetres beyond the centre line of the rear wheels in the case of single rear wheels or more than 152 millimetres beyond the extreme outer edge of the outer tyres in the case of dual rear wheels.
8. *Turning Circle* : Every motor vehicle shall be so constructed as to be capable of turning in either direction in a minimum turning circle not exceeding 24.4 metres in diameter. For the purposes of this rule, such diameter shall be determined by reference to extreme outer edge of the wheel track at ground level.
9. The rules regarding size and nature of tyres will be notified separately.