No. RT-11036/230/2021-MVL-Part(1) Government of India Ministry of Road Transport & Highways MVL Section Transport Bhawan,1, Parliament Street, New Delhi-110001. The of January, 2024

To,

1. All Principal Secretaries/Secretaries, State Government/ Administration of Union Territory

2. All Transport Commissioners, State Government/ Administration of Union Territory

Subject: Applications under Chapter IV of the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988 ("MV Act") to any registering authority in the State - reg.

Sir/ Ma'am,

I am directed to say that it has been brought to the notice of this Ministry that while rendering services relating to *inter-alia*, registration of motor vehicles, transfer of ownership, cancellation of registrations and provision of duplicate registration certificates, the registering authorities are continuing to insist that the owner/ applicant should have the residence or place of business within the local jurisdiction of the said registering authority. This practice defeats the very purpose of amendment of 2019 (Act 32 of 2019) and increases hardship to citizens in availing these services despite the implementation of VAHAN and SARATHI services that are aimed at citizen facilitation.

2. In this connection, attention is invited to Section 40 of the MV Act, as amended by the Motor Vehicles (Amendment) Act, 2019, which stipulates that applications for registration of motor vehicles can be made to *"any registering authority in the State"* in whose jurisdiction the owner has the residence or place of business where the vehicle is normally kept.

3. It is, therefore, clarified that the registering authorities shall accept and process all applications under Chapter IV of the MV Act and rules made thereunder, to be made to any registering authority in the State, irrespective of their place of residence or business within the State.

4. This issues with the approval of competent authority.

Yours faithfully, 0 Ma

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