PROCEEDINGS OF THE TRANSPORT COMMISSIONER, TRANSPORT COMMISSIONERATE, THIRUVANANTHAPURAM PRESENT: S SREEJITH I P S

- Sub:- Motor Vehicles Department -Estt. Transfer & Postings in the cadre of Motor Vehicles Inspectors Orders issued
- Read:- 1. G.O. (Ms) No 01/2019/Trans dated 04/01/2019.
 - 2. U.O. Note No. E3/244/2022-TC dated 08/02/2023.

ORDER NO. A4/26/2022/TC DATED:27-03-2023

The Transport Commissioner's Squad in its inspection at various offices have detected major irregularities in the issuance of Certificate of Fitness and in the conduct of Driving tests. The inspection at SRTO Parassala revealed that there was a practice of not recording the test results in respect of some of the candidates, conducting driving test on physically unfit or defective vehicles etc. During driving tests, the MVI himself was found helping the candidate to control steering and shifting gears. The road test was conducted only for namesake. The candidates were driving on road only for about 200 to 300 metres, which shows that there was no scope for shifting to higher gears and to adequately test the competency of the candidates. On scrutiny of VAHAN data, it was found that about 27 vehicles which were older than 20 years have been issued with fitness certificates by Sri Sugathan G, MVI, SRTO Parassala. Inspection for fitness of vehicles older than 20 years is to be jointly conducted by MVI and JRTO/RTO, which was not seen followed there.

A Heavy Contract Carriage vehicle, bearing registration number KL-26-B-5353 registered at RTO Muvattupuzha whose application for fitness was rejected at Uzhavoor SRTO on 21/11/2022 due to defects and CFRR was issued to the vehicle. On verification in the VAHAN module it was seen that Fitness certificate for the vehicle KL-26-B-5353 was issued on 24/11/2022 from RTO Palakkad by Sri Biju P V, AMVI and Sri Binu George, MVI. On detailed enquiry by the Transport Commissioner's Squad, on 26/11/2022, the vehicle was again inspected by the MVI at SRTO Uzhavoor and reported that all the defects noticed in the CFRR notice was still existing, which revealed that the Certificate of fitness was issued by Sri Binu George, MVI without inspecting the vehicle properly.

In the inspection conducted by Transport Commissioner's Squad on 01/11/2022, in 5 vehicles of Ideal English Higher Secondary School, Kadakassery under the jurisdiction of SRTO Ponnani it was noticed that VLTD was not found fitted in an operating condition which is essential to track the vehicle by Surakshamitra, the entire body was rusted, Speed governor was not working, inner body panels damaged etc. On verification, fresh certificate of fitness inspection was done on 28/10/2022 by Sri Rajesh V, AMVI and the CF was approved by Sri Jsutin S Maliakkal, MVI on the same day, which was only three days back. On verification of the details of issue of certificate of fitness for transport vehicles at SRTO Ponnani it was revealed that 80% of the vehicles for which CF was issued cannot be located as these are not approved/logged in Suraksha Mitra and numerous irregularities were found in the random inspection.

Assistant Transport Commissioner reported that the fitness certificate issued on 24/01/2023 by Sri Prajeesh P, AMVI and Sri Pramod Sankar M K, MVI at SRTO Kondotty for the vehicle bearing registration No. KL02AN0856 registered at Sub RT Office, Karunagappally, eventhough VLTD was not working. Also, for the vehicle bearing Registration No. KL08BV8435 with rusted body, the certificate of fitness was issued by Sri T M Shaji, MVI and Sri Sajeesh S, AMVI of RT Office Thrissur without inspecting the vehicle properly or without rectifying the defects. By issuing fitness certificate to those vehicles, the officers conducted grave dereliction in duties.

In the inspection conducted by Transport Commissioner's Squad on 02/03/2023, at Sub RT Office, Tirurangadi, detected major irregularities in the issuance of Certificate of Fitness and in the conduct of Driving tests. On verification, it was noticed that, without obeying the directions issued by the Transport Commissioner, the renewal of expired licence were done by Sri Anoop Mohan T, MVI.

The Hon'ble Supreme Court Committee on Road Safety, chaired by Justice Abhay Manohar Sapre has directed that the state government should take all measures as are necessary for reduction of road accident fatalities. The Committee has directed that the state would strictly enforce provisions of the Motor Vehicles (amendment) Act, 2019 relating to disqualification and revocation of driving licenses in respect of Two wheeler

and LMVs for over speeding and non-wearing of helmets on Expressways, National/ State Highways and other straight roads in rural/open areas. The Committee has also directed that the state would augment man power and equipment for effective enforcement so as to reach Bureau of Police Research and Development norms.

In view of the above irregularities, the erring Motor Vehicles Inspectors are to be kept away from the Fitness/ driving license related activities and hence posted to Enforcement wing with immediate effect.

Since vacancies are not available in the Enforcement wing, the following senior most officers in the Enforcement wing are transferred to Offices according to their seniority.

Sl No.	Name	Present Station	
1	Biju P V	RTO (E) Kannur	
2	George C S	RTO (E) Idukki	
3	Bijish K B	RTO (E) Idukki	
4	Shanavas P Ahammed	P Ahammed RTO (E) Kottayam	
5	Jayaprakash B	RTO (E) Kottayam	
6.	Ramkumar J R	RTO (E) Pathanamthitta	

The senior most officer, Sri Sajith D S, RTO (E) Alappuzha was placed under suspension vide G.O.(Rt) No. 75/2023/Trans dated 24/02/2023. The next senior most officer, Sri Sreenivasa Chidambaram M M and Sri Bejoy Peter of RTO (E) Ernakulam have expressed willingness to continue in the Enforcement wing and hence they are permitted to continue at the present station until further orders.

One of the senior most officer in the Enforcement office Sri Raveesh R, RTO (E) Alappuzha is attached to Transport Commissionerate as he was unauthorisedly absent on 22/01/2023 and considering his poor performance in Enforcement activities hence he is not considered for posting to the office.

The following transfer and postings of Motor Vehicles Inspectors are ordered with immediate effect.

Sl No.	Name	Station to which transferred	Remarks

1	Vinodkumar V	RTO (E)	RTO(E) Alappuzha	On Request
		Pathanamthitta		
2	Ronnie Varghese	RTO (E) Kannur	RTO (E)	On Request
			Pathanamthitta	
3	Reji P J	RTO Thrissur	SRTO Perinthalmanna	On Request
4	Jishor R S	SRTO Vandiperiyar	SRTO Parassala	On Request
5	Arunkumar S M	RTO Pathanamthitta	SRTO Vandiperiyar	On Request
6	Jinu John	RTO Ernakulam	RTO Pathanamthitta	On Request
7	K G Biju	SRTO Perinthalmanna	RTO Ernakulam	Compliance order in G.O (Rt) No. 523/2022/ Trans dated 07/12/2022
8	Shaji Varghese	RTO (E) Pathanamthitta	RTO (E) Kottayam	On Request
9	Rajesh Kumar K R	RTO (E) Pathanamthitta	RTO (E) Kottayam	On Request
10	Kishor Kumar N T	SRTO Guruvayur	SRTO Mattanchery	On Request
11	Harikumar T	SRTO Uzhavoor	SRTO Chittur	On Request
12	Muhammed Shafeeq	RTO Palakkad	SRTO Perinthalmanna	On Request

The following officers are transferred from the Enforcement wing to the Offices

Sl No.	Name	Present Station	Station to which transferred
1	Biju P V	RTO (E) Kannur	SRTO, Mananthavady
2	George C S	RTO (E) Idukki	SRTO, Ponnani
3	Bijish K B	RTO (E) Idukki	SRTO, Kondotty
4	Shanavas P Ahammed	RTO (E) Kottayam	SRTO, Tirurangadi
5	Jayaprakash B	RTO (E) Kottayam	SRTO, Uzhavoor
6.	Ramkumar J R	RTO (E) Pathanamthitta	RTO, Vadakara

The officers who are kept away from Fitness/driving license related activities are posted to the following stations:

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Sl No.	Name	Present Station	Station to which transferred	Remarks
1	Sugathan G	SRTO Parassala	RTO (E) Idukki	Public Interest
2	Justin S Maliakkal	SRTO Ponnani	RTO (E) Kannur	Public Interest
3	Binu George	RTO Palakkad	RTO (E) Pathanamthitta	Public Interest
4	Pramod Sankar M K	SRTO Kondotty	RTO (E) Idukki	Public Interest
5	Anoop Mohan T	SRTO Tirurangadi	RTO (E) Pathanamthitta	Public Interest
6	Shaji T M	RTO Thrissur	RTO (E) Pathanamthitta	Public Interest
7	Sasi V	SRTO Thriprayar	RTO Palakkad	Public Interest
8	Suresh S	RTO Vadakara	SRTO Vellarikkundu	Public Interest
9	Balakrishnan C	SRTO Vellarikkundu	RTO (E) Kannur	Public Interest

Officers who have been transferred should join duty in the stations posted with immediate effect. The Controlling officers will report to this office the date of assuming charge of the officers in due course.

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To

- 1. The Incumbents concerned (Through Controlling Officer)
- 2. The Accountant General (A&E), Thiruvananthapuram.
- 3. DTCs / RTOs/ JRTOs concerned
- 4. Stock file/ Office Copy