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Sub: - Motor Vehicles Department - Driving Licenses - Conduct of test of competence through Automatic Driver Testing Tracks - Procedures and instructions issued - reg.

Ref: - 1. This office Circular No. 16/98 dated 02.06.1998
2. This office Circular No. 20/98 dated 25.07.1998

Directions were issued from this office vide circular No. 20/98 that the test for LMV, Two Wheeler and Three Wheeler will be in two parts. Part I is the Ground test and Part II is the Road test. The Part I ground test for LMV is to be in an H - track and in an 8 - track for two wheeler and three wheeler. The specifications of the H and 8 tracks are specified in appendix A and B of the said circular.

Due to the phenomenal increase of motor vehicles on our roads, the quality of driving is gaining more and more importance. It is very crucial to examine the driver's skill and his knowledge in traffic rules thoroughly before the issue of driving license. Rule 15 of the Central Motor Vehicles Rules deals with driving tests.

With a view to improve the quality and transparency in conducting driving tests, and as a part of the modernization of the department and implementation of e-governance activities, the department has decided to set up Automated Driver Testing Tracks for LMV, Motor cycle and 3 wheelers. One of such testing station has been established and is functioning at Chevayoor, Kozhikode.

Sub-rule (3) says that the applicant shall satisfy the person conducting the test that he is able to perform the matters prescribed in clauses (a) to (x). Clause (f) of the above sub rule read as 'stop and re-start the vehicle on a steep upward incline making proper use of the hand brake or throttle and the foot brake without any rolling back, turn right and left corners correctly and make proper use of the rear

view mirror before signaling'. Clause (k) read as 'in the case of vehicle having a reverse gear, driving the vehicle backwards, reverse it into a limited opening either to the right or left under control and with reasonable accuracy'. To examine the driver's skill as specified above, a gradient track and a parking track are necessary in addition to the existing H track in the case of LMV. Therefore the station set up at Kozhikode consists of an H- track, Gradient track and Parking track for conducting Part I test of LMV and an 8- track for conducting Part I test of two and three wheeler. The Video Analytics based monitoring system in the testing system will analyze and evaluate the driving competence of the candidate objectively without human intervention and generate the recorded evidence automatically. The specifications of H- track, Gradient track and Parking track for LMV is given in Annexure - I and the specification of 8 - track for two and three wheeler is given in Annexure - II.

Now for the purpose of testing the candidate in automated driver testing track, it is decided to modify the clause 3 of the circular and the specifications of H and 8 tracks. The part I ground test for LMV shall consist of three parts namely (a) H track, (b) Gradient track and (c) Parking track as specified in Annexure - I. Candidates who pass the tests in all the three tracks will be qualified in the Part I test of LMV. If he/she fails in any item he/she shall be retested in that test only. If the candidate fails in test (a) he/she need not be tested in test (b) or (c).

In the case of two and three wheelers, the existing 8- track needs some modifications in the dimensions so as to turn the vehicle in its minimum turning radius. Part - I ground test for two and three wheelers will be in an 8 - track as specified in Annexure - II.

There is no change in Part II road test specified in circular 20/98 except the items 5 and 10 in the case of LMV.

The purpose of each test track is detailed below

H- Track (LMV)

The H track is for testing the ability and accuracy of a candidate to turn the vehicle left and right in forward and reverse gear in a limited space. When turning

