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Sub: Motor Vehicles Department-Registration of vehicles sold in auction having fake Chassis number and engine number-Instructions-reg

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Attention is invited to the above subject. It is a fact that the department is facing problems in transferring the ownership of vehicles confiscated by various departments and sold in auction as the registration mark, engine number and chassis number of most of these vehicles are not original and also not available in many cases.

As per Rule 57(2) of Central Motor Vehicles Rules, 1989, if the vehicle auctioned is a vehicle without any registration mark or with a registration mark which on verification is found to be false, the Registering Authority shall, subject to the provision of Section 44, assign a new registration mark in the name of the Department of the Central Government or State Government auctioning the vehicle and thereafter record the entries of transfer of ownership of the vehicle giving the name and address of the person to whom the vehicle is sold.

However there is no provision in the rules to assign a registration number for a vehicle without having the engine number and chassis number assigned by the manufacturer or a vehicle with a fake chassis number or engine number or both. As per Rule 122(1) of Central Motor Vehicles Rules every motor vehicle shall bear the identification number including month and year of manufacture, embossed or etched or punched on it also. As chassis number is the primary identification number of a motor vehicle, the department can not register or transfer the ownership of such vehicles. If registered, these vehicles can be used for a long period. Absence of proper rules lead to the destruction of these vehicles due to non use, eventually resulting in the revenue loss to the public exchequer. It may also be noted that the confiscated vehicle is the property of the Government and the

ownership of the auctioned vehicles can not be transferred to the name of the auction purchaser due to the above reasons and this creates much hardship and inconvenience among the government departments such as Excise, Forest, Police, etc. In this circumstance, the following direction is issued for strict compliance:

1. If the vehicle bears engine and chassis number and have a fake registration mark, its chassis number and engine number shall be crosschecked with the database.
2. If the engine number and chassis number of the vehicle do not match with those in the database, fresh registration mark along with unique chassis number and unique engine number shall be allotted to the vehicle.
3. If the engine number and chassis number of the vehicle match with those in the database, the registration mark assigned to said chassis number and engine number in the database shall be allotted to the vehicle subjected to the condition that it shall be ensured that chassis number and engine number of the vehicle are not locally punched.
4. If the vehicle bears fake chassis number, engine number and registration mark fresh registration mark along with unique chassis number and unique engine number shall be allotted to the vehicle.
5. Unique chassis number and unique engine number shall be same. They must contain 14 characters. The first 10 characters of unique engine number and unique chassis number of the vehicle shall be its registration mark and the next 4 characters must be the year in which the vehicle is inspected and assigned new registration mark.

Eg: If the registration mark allotted to the vehicle is 'KL 01 BK 7' and the vehicle was assigned new registration mark in 201, its unique engine number and chassis number shall be 'KL01BK00072014'.

6. Before issuing registration mark, unique engine number and unique chassis number, the road worthiness of the vehicle shall be ensured by a team consisting of one Motor Vehicles Inspector and one Assistant Motor Vehicles Inspector.
7. After issuing the registration mark, unique engine number and unique chassis number, proceedings shall be issued to the applicant by informing him the registration mark, unique engine number and unique chassis number issued to the vehicle. In the proceedings it shall also be mentioned that the applicant has to produce the vehicle for inspection after carving unique engine number and unique chassis number in a Government approved workshop along with certificate issued by the Government approved workshop where carving has been done by stating that the carving of engine number and chassis number of the vehicle had been done by them. The inspection after carving shall be done by a team consisting of one Motor Vehicles Inspector and one Assistant Motor Vehicles Inspector. This procedure shall be followed in the case of vehicle having genuine registration mark and fake chassis number and fake engine number.
8. The year of manufacture of such vehicle shall be entered as '00' if not known.
9. If the vehicle is a Non Transport Vehicle the registration validity of such vehicle shall be given for 5 years from the date of second

inspection, i.e inspection after carving engine and chassis number and if the vehicle is a Transport Vehicle Certificate of fitness shall be issued for 1 year from the date of second inspection.

10. Unladen Weight, Registered Laden Weight, Cubic Capacity and other specifications of the vehicle shall be the same as that of a vehicle of similar make and type.
11. While issuing certificate of registration, number and date of proceedings by which new registration mark is issued shall be entered.

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Transport Commissioner

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All Deputy Transport Commissioners
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All Joint Regional Transport Officers

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