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Transport Commissionerate, Keralam  
Trans Towers, Thiruvananthapuram  
Dated: 08-06-2015

**CIRCULAR NO.13/2015**

**Sub: Motor Vehicles Department-Exempting ambulances and fire tender vehicles from speed limit-Reg**

Ref: Nil

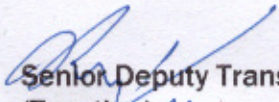
It has come to the notice that ambulances carrying patients are also caught in the surveillance cameras of the department for speed violation and notices are sent to them. During emergency situation, these vehicles, which use light and sirens, are forced to violate speed limits. As per Section 138(2)(e) of the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988, the State Government is authorized to exempt fire brigade vehicles, ambulances and other special classes or descriptions of vehicle from the provisions of Chapter VIII "Control of Traffic". As per Rule 369 of the Kerala Motor Vehicles Rules, 1989, the Government may, by notification in Gazette, exempt to such extent as may be specified in the notification any motor vehicle or class of motor vehicles from all or any of the provisions of the rules framed under Chapter VIII of the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988. In this connection draft notification had already been forwarded to the Government which is under the consideration of the Government. In this circumstance, you are directed to exempt ambulances and fire tender vehicles from speed limit violation for time being till Government takes a decision in this regard since these vehicles have to break speed limit to save precious human lives. However such vehicles, when found to ply without siren or light or for private purposes, are found to violate speed limits, they may be legally dealt with.

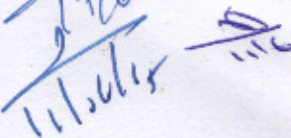
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Transport Commissioner

To

All Deputy Transport Commissioners  
All Regional Transport Officers  
All Joint Regional Transport Officers  
Motor Vehicles Inspectors of all check posts

Approved for issue

  
Senior Deputy Transport Commissioner  
(Taxation)

  
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