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Subject:- Instructions to comply with sub-rule (3) of rule 15 of the Central Motor Vehicles Rules, 1989 while conducting driving test and to take action against Motor Driving Schools where trainees are not properly trained to ensure pedestrian safety.

The number of road accidents involving pedestrians and cyclists are increasing alarmingly. The pedestrians being the most vulnerable road users are often the victims of accidents occurring at pedestrian crossings leading to death or grievous injury.

2. Sub-rule (3) of rule 15 of the Central Motor Vehicles Rules, 1989 provides criteria to be examined during driving test to ascertain the ability of a candidate to drive. In clauses (m), (n) , (u) and (x) of the said rules provides to test the ability of the candidate in relation to pedestrians, cyclists and other road users. The said rules are extracted here under:-

" clause (m) of sub-rule (3) of rule 15

take correct and prompt action on the signals given by traffic signs, traffic lights, traffic controllers, policemen and take appropriate action on signs given by other road users.

clause (n) of sub-rule (3) of rule 15

act correctly at pedestrian crossings, which are not regulated by traffic lights or traffic police, by giving preference to persons crossing the roads

clause (u) of sub-rule (3) of rule 15

anticipate the actions of pedestrians, drivers of other vehicles and cyclists

clause (x) of sub-rule (3) of rule 15

show courtesy and consideration for the safety and convenience of other road users, such as pedestrians, drivers of other motor vehicles or cyclists."

3. In the scenario of increasing road accidents to pedestrians and to ensure their safety, strict compliance with the above rules especially the clauses referred above is inevitable. Therefore, the Licencing Authorities are directed to assess the ability of each candidate provided under sub-rule (3) of rule 15 giving special attention to clauses (m), (n), (u) and (x) of the said rules, during driving test.

4. During the inspection of driving schools and the interception of driving school vehicles while imparting instructions in driving on road, the Licencing Authority shall ensure that instructions are imparted in accordance with the syllabus prescribed giving utmost importance to develop ability to observe pedestrian safety.

5. The Licencing Authorities are hereby directed to initiate stringent action against motor driving schools where proper training to develop the ability of candidates to observe the matters prescribed under clauses (m), (n), (u) and (x) of sub-rule (3) of rule 15 of the Central Motor Vehicles Rules, 1989 is not provided.

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