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GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

Transport (B) Department

NOTIFICATION

G.O.(P)No.15/2025/TRANS.

Dated, Thiruvananthapuram, 29th October, 2025

S. R. O. No. 1238/2025 WHEREAS, the draft rules further to amend the Kerala Motor Vehicles Rules, 1989, were published as required under sub-section (1) of section 212 of the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988 (Central Act 59 of 1988), as per notification No.TRANS-B2/62/2021-TRANS dated 23rd July, 2025 and published in the Kerala Gazette Extraordinary No. 2735 dated 23rd July, 2025, inviting objections or suggestions on the draft rules from the persons likely to be affected thereby;



NOW THEREFORE, AND WHEREAS, no objection or suggestion has been received on the said draft rules, in exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (6) of section 41 of the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988 (Central Act 59 of 1988), the Government of Kerala hereby make the following rules further to amend the Kerala Motor Vehicles Rules, 1989, namely :-

RULES

1. *Short title and commencement.*- (1) These rules may be called the Kerala Motor Vehicles (Amendment) Rules, 2025.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

2. *Amendment of the rules.*- In the Kerala Motor Vehicles Rules, 1989,-

(i) in rule 91, for the fifth para, the following para shall be substituted, namely:- "The Regional Transport Officer (Nationalised Sector)-I shall be the Registering Authority in respect of the vehicles owned by State Transport Undertakings and the Regional Transport Officer (Nationalised Sector)-II shall be the Registering Authority in respect of the vehicles owned by the State Government, Central Government, Local Self Government Departments, Public Sector Undertakings, Quasi Government Institutions, Autonomous bodies, Boards and Corporations:

Provided that the Regional Transport Officer (Nationalised Sector)-I shall act as the Registering Authority of Regional Transport Office (Nationalised Sector)-II as well".

(ii) in rule 92,-

(a) in sub-rule (1), the following provisos shall be inserted, namely:-

Provided that the Group of letters and Registration code of vehicles owned by State Transport Undertaking other than motor cars and jeeps owned by such undertaking shall be KL 15:

Provided further that the Group of letters and Registration code of vehicles owned by or on behalf of the State Government, Central Government Department, Local Self Government Departments, Quasi Government Institutions, Autonomous Bodies or Institutions controlled by the State Government shall be as follows:-

(i) vehicles owned by or on behalf of the State Government shall be KL 90 and series of



numbers and after the expiry of existing series of numbers, the Group of letters and registration code shall be followed by the alphabet D and series of numbers;

(ii) vehicles owned by or on behalf of the Central Government Department, Autonomous Bodies or Institutions controlled by the Central Government shall be KL 90 followed by the alphabet A and series of numbers and after the expiry of existing series of numbers in alphabet A, the Group of letters and registration code shall be followed by the alphabet E and series of numbers;

(iii) vehicles owned by the Local Self Government Departments shall be KL 90 followed by the alphabet B and series of numbers and after the expiry of existing series of numbers in alphabet B, the Group of letters and registration code shall be followed by the alphabet F and series of numbers;

(iv) vehicles owned by Quasi Government Institutions, Autonomous Bodies, Boards, Corporations and any other institutions as the registering authority may satisfy himself that such institution is under control of State Government, vehicles owned by Universities other than deemed Universities and vehicles owned by State Transport Undertaking other than those under the purview of the above proviso shall be KL 90 followed by the alphabet C and series of numbers and after the expiry of existing series of numbers in alphabet C, the Group of letters and registration code shall be followed by the alphabet G and series of numbers;

Provided also that, if any dispute arises regarding the allotment of registration number, the decision of the Registering Authority shall be final.

Provided also that the Government may by notification reserve a series of numbers to be allotted to the official vehicles used by the Council of Ministers, Senior Government Officials of the State Government and Central Government and vehicles used for protocol activities.

(b) for sub-rule (2), the following sub-rule shall be substituted, namely:-



"(2) When the vehicles, under KL 15 and KL 90 series registered at the Regional Transport Office (Nationalised Sector)-I and Regional Transport Office (Nationalised Sector)-II respectively, are transferred to any other person who are not eligible for KL 15 or KL 90 series, such vehicle shall be liable for assignment of new registration mark from regular registration series prevailing in the concerned office in which the transfer of ownership is effected".

By order of the Governor,
K BIJU I A S
Secretary to Government

Explanatory Note

(This does not form part of the notification but intended to indicate its general purport)

As per Rule 91 of Kerala Motor Vehicles Rules 1989, Regional Transport Officer (Nationalised Sector) shall be the Registering Authority in respect of vehicles of the State Transport Undertaking other than motor cars and jeeps owned by such undertaking. As per the prevailing rule, there is no provision for assigning a separate exclusive registration mark for vehicles owned by Government, Quasi Government Institutions, Autonomous Bodies, Boards, Corporations etc. In view of several instances of misuse of Government of Kerala Board violating the stipulations in Rule 92A, Government have decided to introduce a special series of registration mark for vehicles owned by State Government, Central Government, Local Self Government Departments, Public Sector Undertakings, Quasi Government Institutions, Autonomous Bodies, Boards and Corporations.

Hence the Government have considered the matter and decided to make necessary amendments in the Kerala Motor Vehicles Rules, 1989 and issued preliminary notification as No.TRANS-B2/62/2021-TRANS dated, 23rd July, 2025 in the Kerala Gazette Extraordinary No.2735 dated 23rd July, 2025, inviting objections, if any as required under sub-section (1) of



section 212 of the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988. No objections were received. Government have, therefore decided to make amendments in rule 91 and 92 of the Kerala Motor Vehicles Rules, 1989.

This notification is intended to achieve the above object.

