

Government of Jammu & Kashmir  
OFFICE OF THE TRANSPORT COMMISSIONER,/CHAIRMAN  
STATE TRANSPORT AUTHORITY, J&K, RAILHEAD, JAMMU.

Sub: Ban on carriage of Goods on Stage Carriage Vehicles.

O R D E R NO. 214 MVD of 2015  
D A T E D: 11.12.2015

Whereas, save for some exceptions, indicated in sub rule 5 of rule 84 of J&K Motor Vehicle Rules 1991 the statute prohibits the carriage of goods on any Stage Carriage;

Whereas, only personal luggage of a bonafide passenger travelling in a vehicle can be carried on that Stage Carriage;

Whereas, Notifications have been issued from the Transport Commissioner's Office in the past allowing carriage of limited quantity of goods on the Stage Carriages due to deficiency of Goods Carriage Vehicles in the State;

Whereas, the undersigned is satisfied that availability of Goods Carriage vehicles in the State suffice the requirement of Carriage of Goods on vehicles that have been issued exclusive permits for Carriage of Goods and as such there is no necessity of any such relaxation now;

Whereas, carriage of goods on Stage Carriage is creating an unfair competition by the Stage Carriage Vehicles with the Goods Carriage Vehicles;

Whereas, the carriage of goods on Stage Carriage is dangerous and a potential cause for accidents particularly on the hilly terrain of the State where sharp curves have to be negotiated by the vehicles frequently, and as such has become an issue of concern so far as Road Safety is concerned ;

Whereas, apart from the concern at various levels in the State Government for curbing the Road Accidents, Hon'ble Supreme Court of India has issued instructions from time to time;

Whereas, the carriage of goods on stage carriage vehicles is likely to result in leakage of commercial taxes as the owners of goods carriage vehicles alone have to

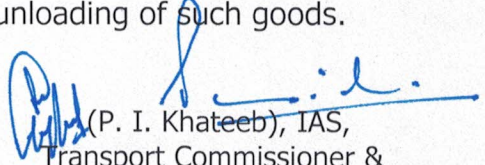
...continued on 2<sup>nd</sup> page.....



file the returns of goods transported from one place to another with the Commercial Taxes Department and there is no such binding on the owners of stage carriage vehicles to account for the goods carried on such vehicles;

Now therefore, I Parvaiz Iqbal Khateeb, IAS, Transport Commissioner, J&K in supersession of all previous orders on the subject issued by the Transport Commissioner, J&K or authority subordinate to him, hereby order that no goods of commercial nature shall henceforth be carried on any stage carriage passenger vehicle operating on local routes and areas in the State of J&K. Only bonafide personal luggage of a passenger travelling in a Stage Carriage shall be allowed to be carried on stage carriage vehicle in accordance with the provisions of rule 84 of J&K Motor Vehicle Rules, 1991.

Passengers, in their own interest, are advised not to travel in such vehicles as stage carriage vehicles which are found to be violating the conditionalities as set in the J&K Motor Vehicle Rules, 1991 and this order may result in inconvenience to the passengers at odd locations in the event of unloading of such goods.

  
(P. I. Khateeb), IAS,  
Transport Commissioner &  
Chairman State Transport Authority,  
J&K Jammu.

No. TC/JK/MV/ 7088-7123  
Copy to the:

Dated: 11.12.2015

01. Director General, Information Department, J&K, Jammu for information and with the request to kindly give wide publicity to the above notice through electronic and print media and publish the above notice in leading dailies (both English & Urdu) of Srinagar and Jammu for consecutive three days for the information of general public
02. Secretary to Govt., Transport Department, J&K Jammu.
03. Inspector General of Police, Traffic, J&K Jammu for information and for issuance of necessary instructions to the field staff.
04. General Manager, Government Printing Press, Jammu for printing the above notification in Official Gazette of J&K
- 5-6. Dy. Inspector General of Police, Traffic, Jammu / Srinagar.
- 7-9. Regional Transport Officer, Kashmir/Jammu and Kathua for compliance and for communication of this order to all the Motor Transport Service License holders under their jurisdiction.
- 10-13. SSP Traffic, City /Rural, Jammu/Srinagar for information and necessary action.
14. All ARTO for compliance and for communication of this order to all the Motor Transport Service License holders under their jurisdiction.
15. Webmaster office of Transport Commissioner, J&K for uploading the above Order on official website
16. Office file.