



Government of West Bengal
Transport Department
Paribahan Bhawan
12, R.N. Mukherjee Road, Kolkata - 700 001

No. 5311-WT/TR/3M-80/2002

Date- 23/11/2016

NOTIFICATION

Whereas, Chapter VIII along with Chapter XIII of the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988 deals with several provisions necessarily implying obligation on the part of the law enforcing authorities to ensure use of motor vehicles in a way so as not to imperil public safety and convenience; and whereas the State Government has launched a campaign of 'Safe Drive, Save Life' to address the issues related to road safety; and

Whereas, the State Government has already issued notifications empowering Police officers to act upon on a number of provisions under the said Chapters of the Act including the power to disqualify from holding a driving licence to drive transport vehicles, in terms of section 19 of the said Act, and the matter has since been further reviewed by the Government with a view to instil traffic discipline and in particular to minimise the number of road accidents;

Now therefore, the Governor has been pleased to empower Deputy Commissioners of Police (Traffic) of all the Police Commissionerates and Superintendents of Police of the Districts to act in terms of provisions of Section 19 of the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988 to disqualify offending drivers from holding any driving licence (Transport or non-Transport) and/or to revoke such licence, if it is found so necessary, for the purposes of ensuring effective control of traffic as per the provisions of Chapter VIII of the Act. Governor has further been pleased to authorise the aforesaid police officers to delegate such power to any police officer not below the rank of an Inspector of Police, having jurisdiction, in exigency. Due process as entailed in section 19 will have to be strictly followed in each such instance. Relevant provision of the W B M V Rules, 1989 will be suitably amended in due course.

Action taken, in exercise of the aforesaid power, is to be promptly reported to the concerned Licencing Authority who had issued the driving licence, for the purpose of recording such actions in the Sarathi database in the manner as may be prescribed by the State Government.

This will come into immediate effect.

By order of the Governor


(B Dasgupta)
Special Secretary
to the Government of West Bengal.

ORDERED THAT

The Notification be published in the Official Gazette.

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(B Dasgupta)
Special Secretary
to the Government of West Bengal

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Copy of the Notification forwarded to the Superintendent, West Bengal Government Press, 38, Gopal Nagar Road, Alipore, Kolkata- 700 027 with the request to arrange to publish this Notification in the Official Gazette.

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Special Secretary
to the Government of West Bengal

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Copy forwarded for information and necessary action to:

1. Additional Chief Secretary, Home Department
2. DGP, West Bengal Police
3. ADG & IGP (Traffic), WBP
4. DM & Licencing Authority (All)
5. Director, PVD, and Director, Transport
6. Commissioners of Police Commissionerates (All)
7. Superintendents of Police (All)
8. Secretary, West Bengal State Legislative Assembly
9. The Director of Information, West Bengal
10. The Secretary, STA, West Bengal
11. Librarian, West Bengal State Secretariat Library
12. Sub-Divisional Officers (All)
13. Regional Transport Officer (All)
14. Additional Regional Transport Officer (All)
15. Dr. T. K. Das, TD, NIC, WBSC, with a request to upload the Notification in Departmental website.

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23/11/16
Special Secretary
to the Government of West Bengal