

Kerala Government Policy on Vehicle Modifications, Lights & Accessories

Draft Reference Policy Document

1. Introduction and Scope

This document outlines rules and enforcement directions in the State of Kerala regarding vehicle modifications, usage of lights, and installation of accessories. These guidelines are based on the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988, Kerala Motor Vehicles Rules, High Court directives, and official notifications.

2. Definitions

Vehicle Modification refers to any alteration affecting original manufacturer specifications including lighting, structure, engine, exhaust, or safety components. Such changes require prior approval under Section 52 of the Motor Vehicles Act.

3. Policy Principles

- Vehicles must comply with Central and Kerala Motor Vehicle Rules.
- Only approved OEM lighting systems are permitted.
- Accessories causing glare or distraction are strictly prohibited.

4. Prohibited Modifications

- Aftermarket LED bars, neon, laser or multi-colored lights.
- Unauthorized exhaust systems causing excessive noise.
- Structural changes affecting vehicle safety.

5. Enforcement and Penalties

- Fine up to Rs. 5,000 per illegal modification.
- Suspension or cancellation of registration certificate.
- Denial of fitness certificate for non-compliant vehicles.

6. Conclusion

Vehicle owners must ensure compliance with all applicable laws and obtain necessary approvals before making any modification. Strict enforcement ensures road safety and public order.