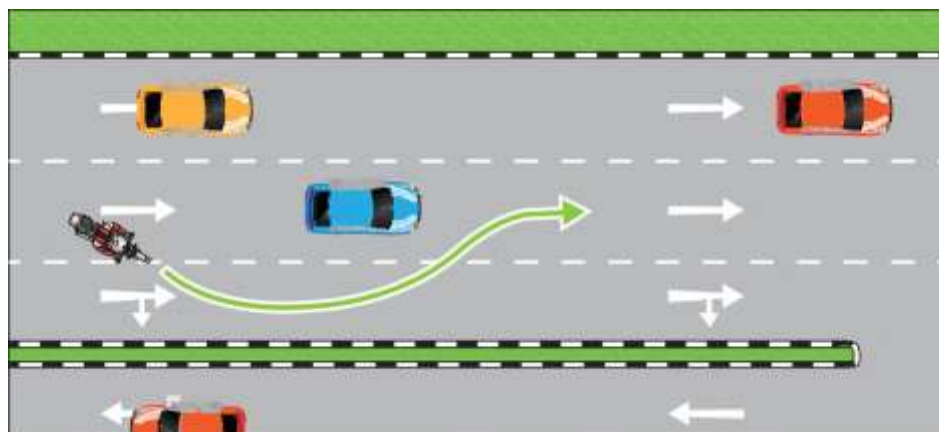


156. Where there are three lanes, the left lane is for slower vehicles, the centre is for faster vehicles and right lane is for vehicles overtaking and turning right.



## OVERTAKING

157. Overtaking manoeuvre is about passing a slower moving vehicle to proceed ahead which is somewhat similar to changing lane but it could be dangerous due to oncoming vehicles and a slip up can result in serious or fatal consequences. Whenever in doubt do not overtake. Safe overtaking requires the following steps:

- (i) Good judgement of speed and distance;
- (ii) Good handling skill;
- (iii) Quick analysis of traffic situation;
- (iv) Applying the appropriate speed and
- (v) Adequate distance and road space.

### OVERTAKING PROCEDURES

158. The following steps should be adopted when overtaking:

- A. Signal your intention and remain at a safe distance.
- B. Confirm traffic situation ahead (about 12 secs - time taken to complete the process).
- C. Check mirror and blind spot.
- D. Move out gradually. Reduce speed and return back to safety if not safe to overtake. Increase speed to overtake when safe.
- E. Maintain a safe side clearance. Horn to make known of your presence if necessary.
- F. Slow down and return back to safety if it is dangerous to overtake.
- G. Signal your intention to keep left for at least 3 seconds.
- H. After overtaking, look at the side mirror to confirm safety. Check blind spot before moving left.
- I. Move left gradually when safe.
- J. Switch off your signal and regulate your speed.

