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Following the complaint received regarding registration of vehicles of luxury cars belonging to residents of other States in the U.T. of Puducherry Hon'ble Lt. Governor, Dr. Kiran Bedi visited the Transport Department.

The visit to the Transport Department revealed that the Motor Vehicles Rules contains a clause for registration of vehicles by providing proof of temporary residence. The rule provides for producing among other documents, life insurance policy. It was seen that utilizing the window of opportunity provided in the rules, purchasers of high end luxury cars from other States were registering their cars by providing LIC policy as temporary residential proof and were availing the concessional Life Time Road Tax charged by U.T. of Puducherry. The complaint made to Hon'ble Lt. Governor was found to be factual.

The rich of neighbouring States who purchase luxury cars choose to reap the benefit of concessional Road Tax charged by U.T. of Puducherry depriving their own State of the Road Tax due to them. The rich are indulging in exploitation with the assistance of cartel of dealers and brokers that results in the loss to the nation as a whole. A sample of the list of high end luxury cars registered is enclosed.

The Motor Vehicle Rules needs to re-visited for incorporating safeguards to ensure that the rich who are able to afford to purchase luxury cars also pay the taxes due thereof. This fact would be brought to the attention of Government of India.

The visit also revealed that the Transport Department needs to be equipped with adequate manpower. The present incumbent is shouldered with responsibility of processing on an average more than 100 registrations in a day. The Deputy Transport Commissioner was also asked to maintain the office neat and clean and make provisions for public who visit the office to be made comfortable.

During the visit of Hon'ble Lt. Governor, Shri Ratnagosh Charu, Deputy Transport Commissioner and Shri Ragunath, Regional Transport Officer were present.