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MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT & HIGHWAYS

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No. RT-11016/03/2017-MVL

Dated 21st November, 2017.

To

The Principal Secretaries(Transport)/The Secretaries (Transport)/The Transport Commissioners of all the States/UT Administrations.

Sub: Driving licence for persons having monocular vision – reg.

Ref: This Ministry's communication No.RT-11021/40/2014-MVL dated 14th June, 2016.

Sir/Madam,

This Ministry is in receipt of several grievances in regard to problems being faced for obtaining driving licences by persons having monocular vision. The matter has been examined in the Ministry and opinion/comments from the Department of Ophthalmology, AIIMS, New Delhi has been obtained.

2. Department of Ophthalmic Science, All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi has furnished a report and opined that monocularly impaired persons may be considered for grant of driving licence for non commercial cars and motor cycles, provided :

- (A) Visual acuity in the remaining or the better eye is 6/12 or better.
- (B) Horizontal visual field is 120 degrees or more on Goldman perimetry/Confrontation test.
- (C) Sufficient time (6 months) has been allowed after the loss of eye/vision in other eye for the person to adapt to loss of same.

3. It is advised that the application for the grant of driving licence to the applicant having monocular vision may be considered as per para 2 above, while deciding the issue of any one eyed person under section 8(4) of the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988.

Yours faithfully,

(Abhay Damle)

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OFFICE OF THE TRANSPORT COMMISSIONER:

ANDHRA PRADESH: VIJAYAWADA.

Circular Memo No.4122/R/2017(e-office no.224639)Dated**09/01/2018**

Sub: Transport Department - MV Act & Rules - Driving Licenses -

Obtaining Driving licence by persons having monocular vision
— Clarification issued by MoRTH to consider for grant of DL
for non-commercial cars and motor cycles, subject to certain
conditions - Instructions issued - Reg.

Ref: Letter No RT-11016/03/2017-MVL, dated 21-11-2017,
Joint Secretary, MoRTH, Government of India, New Delhi.

The attention of all the Licencing Authorities is invited to the reference cited (Copy enclosed) wherein the Department of Ophthalmic Science, AIIMS, New Delhi have suggested that monocularly impaired persons may be considered for grant of driving licence for non-commercial vehicles and motor cycle, subject to some visual conditions as given below:

- (a) Visual acuity in the remaining or the better eye is 6/12 or better.
- (b) Horizontal visual field is 120 degrees or more on Goldman perimetry/ Confrontation test.
- (c) Sufficient time (6 months) has been allowed after the loss of eye/ vision in other eye for the person to adopt the loss of same.

Hence, all the Licensing Authorities in the State are requested to consider grant of Learner's Licence/ Driving Licence for persons having monocular vision subject to their producing a medical certificate from a Government Ophthalmic doctor or a reputed ophthalmic doctor or reputed eye hospital that the individual qualifies the conditions prescribed by the AIIMS.

After production of certificate, suitable test of competence to drive has to be conducted as per Rule 15 of Central Motor Vehicles Rules, 1989 and after following M.V.Act and Rules in this regard.

The receipt of the circular may be acknowledged.

N.BALASUBRAMANYAM.IPS

COMMISSIONER

To

All Deputy Transport Commissioners & Regional Transport Officers in the State

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Circular Memo No. 2549/R/2016,

Date:09/01/2018

Sub:-Motor vehicles - Issue of Driving Licence to
the Hearing Impaired Persons-
Instructions of MoRTH- Reg.

- Ref:- 1.Letter No.RT-11021/40/2014-MVL,
dated: 28.10.2016 received from MoRTH,
Government of India.
2. Lr.No.C1/526/2015-11,dt: 06-07-2017
of Director, Department for the Welfare of
differently abled and senior citizens.

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In the reference 1st cited above, the Ministry of Road Transport & Highways, Government of India informed to all the State Governments that in view of the PIL 191 of 2013 in the High Court of Judicature of Bombay filed by Amit Ashok Tribhuvan V/s Regional Transport Officer and Ors, a meeting under the Chairmanship of Joint Secretary (Transport) was held on 6th May, 2016 to discuss the issue of grant of Driving Licences for hearing impaired. It was decided to seek the views of All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), New Delhi on the subject.

The views of AIIMS for grant of Driving License to hearing impaired persons are as follows;

"Driving is primarily a visual function with little inputs from hearing. Many Developed Countries give hearing impaired people the privilege of being able to drive. If a person is rehabilitated with hearing amplification (hearing aid or cochlear implant) and can hear reasonably with the same then there seems little reason to deprive him or her of a driving licence. For patients not fully rehabilitated some countries do grant the privilege to drive. This is important with regard to opportunities we wish to grant to the disabled. It is well recognized that the loss of hearing does not pre-se impact the ability to drive. As an added precaution, should be asked to display on the car a sign indicating the driver is hearing impaired. All such applicants should take a stringent driving test under the actual road condition circumstances as is the case for normal individuals."

Further, MoRTH have requested that the application for driving licence to the hearing impaired applicants may be considered as per para above while deciding the issue of any hearing impaired application

under section 8(4) of the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988.

In the reference 2nd cited the Director, Department for the Welfare of Differently Abled and Senior Citizens, Govt. of A.P., requested to examine the issue of driving license to the hearing impaired persons so as to drive the vehicle.

Therefore, all the Licensing Authorities in the State are requested to implement the guidelines given by MoRTH, GOI and to ensure the following points at the time of considering the applications for grant of driving licences applied for by the hearing impaired persons.

i) Whether the applicant can hear reasonably with hearing amplification (hearing aid or cochlear implant) and

ii) the applicant should take a stringent driving test under the actual road condition circumstances as is the case for normal individuals.

iii) Once the applicant passes the driving test, he/she should be asked to display on the motor vehicle a sign indicating the driver is hearing impaired. At the time of issue of Driving License, an affidavit to be taken from the applicant that he/she would display as such in case of grant of driving licence. A sample sign to this effect in the sizes as mentioned below with white letters on red background as enclosed to this memo in the form of a sticker may be got affixed in front and rear side of the vehicle so that other drivers can notice that the vehicle is being driven by a hearing impaired person.

Dimension of the Sticker to be affixed on Two Wheelers driven by hearing impaired persons:

a) For rear side Height 4 inches & width 3.25 inches.

b) For front side Height 3 inches & width 2.5 inches.

Dimension of the Sticker to be affixed on Three/Four Wheelers driven by hearing impaired persons:

a) For rear side Height 6 inches & width 5 inches.

b) For front side Height 5 inches & width 4 inches.

All the Licensing Authorities in the State are therefore requested to follow the guidelines given by MoRTH, GOI with respect to issue of driving licence to the hearing impaired persons as mentioned above .

Encl: Copy of reference and Sample sign to be displayed on vehicle

N.BALASUBRAMANYAM.IPS
COMMISSIONER

To

All the Deputy Transport Commissioners in the State

All the Regional Transport Authorities in the State

Copy to CCs to T.C., Addl.TC., JTCs for information.

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L.B.S.Nagar, Near Puchhalapalli Sundariah Municipal High school,
Payakapuram, Vijayawada.

Copy to Andhra Pradesh Association of the Deaf, D.No.8-457, Ambedkar colony, Satyanarayana Puram, Tirupathi, Chittoor Dist., Andhra Pradesh.

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