

- (x) authorising specified persons to enter at all reasonable times and inspect all premises used by permit holder for the purpose of their business;
- (y) requiring the person in charge of a stage carriage to carry any person tendering the legal or customary fare;
- (z) the conditions under which and the types of containers or vehicles in which animals or birds may be carried and the seasons during which animals or birds may not be carried;
- (za) the licensing of and the regulation of the conduct of agents or canvassers who engage in the sale of tickets for travel by public service vehicles or otherwise solicit customers for such vehicles;
- (zb) the licensing of agents engaged in the business of collecting, forwarding and distributing of goods carried by public carriers;
- (zc) the inspection of transport vehicles and their contents and of the permits relating to them;
- (zd) the carriage of persons other than the driver in goods vehicles;
- (ze) the records to be maintained and the returns to be furnished by the owners of transport vehicles; and
- (zf) any other matter which is to be or may be prescribed.

CHAPTER VI

CONSTRUCTION, EQUIPMENT AND MAINTENANCE OF MOTOR VEHICLES

General provision regarding construction and maintenance

82. Every motor vehicle shall be constructed and so maintained as to be at all times under the effective control of the person driving the vehicle.

Vehicles to have right hand control

83. Every motor vehicle shall be so constructed as to have right hand steering control unless it is equipped with a mechanical or electrical signalling device of a prescribed nature.

84. (1) The Government may make rules regulating the construction, equipment and maintenance of motor vehicles and trailers and the establishment, registration, operation and supervision of motor vehicles repairing workshop.

Power to make rules

(2) Without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing power, rules may be made under this section governing any of the following matters either generally in respect of motor vehicles or trailers or in respect of motor vehicles or trailers of a particular class or in particular circumstances, namely: -

- (a) the width, height, length and overhang of vehicles and of the loads carried;
- (b) seating arrangements in public service vehicles and the protection of passengers against the weather;
- (c) the size, nature and condition of tyres;
- (d) brakes and steering gear;
- (e) the use of safety glass;
- (f) signalling appliances, lamps and reflectors;
- (g) speed governors;
- (h) the emission of smoke, visible vapour, sparks, ashes, grit or oil;
- (i) the reduction of noise emitted by or caused by vehicles;
- (j) prohibiting or restricting the use of audible signals at certain times or in certain places;
- (k) prohibiting or restricting the use as transport vehicles of any motor vehicle or any motor vehicle with left hand steering control;
- (l) prohibiting the carrying of appliances likely to cause annoyance or danger;
- (m) the periodical testing and inspection of vehicles by prescribed authorities;

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- (n) the particulars other than registration marks to be exhibited by vehicles and the manner in which they shall be exhibited;
- (o) the use of trailers with motor vehicle;
- (p) prohibiting or enforcing the painting in particular colours of motor vehicles of particular descriptions or for particular purposes or in particular areas;
- (q) registration, control and supervision of establishments undertaking repair works of motor vehicles and the conditions governing such establishment; and
- (r) any other matter which is to be or may be ¹[prescribed by the rules].

CHAPTER VII

CONTROL OF TRAFFIC

Limits of speed

85. (1) No person shall drive a motor vehicle or cause or allow a motor vehicle to be driven in any public place at a speed exceeding the maximum speed fixed for the vehicle by or under this Ordinance or by under any law for the time being in force:

Provided that such maximum speed shall in no case exceed the maximum fixed for the vehicle in the Eighth Schedule.

(2) The Government or any authority authorised in this behalf by the Government may, if satisfied that it is necessary to restrict the speed of motor vehicles in the interest of public safety or convenience or because of the nature of any road or bridge, by notification in the *official Gazette*, and by causing appropriate traffic signs to be placed or erected under section 89 at suitable places, fix such maximum speed limits as it thinks fit for the motor vehicles or any specified class of motor vehicles or for motor vehicles to which a trailer is attached, either generally or in a particular area or on a particular road or roads:

¹ The words “prescribed by the rules” were substituted for the word “prescribed” by section 32 of the Motor Vehicles (Amendment) Act, 1988 (Act No. XXVII of 1988).