

6.2 Motor Vehicles Maintenance Organisation - Motor Vehicles Tamil Nadu Departmental Vehicles Control Rules, 1976 - Prescription of norms for replacement of batteries fitted in the motor vehicles of Government Departments - Amendments - to rules - Issued.

HOME (TRANSPORT IV) DEPARTMENT

G.O. (Ms) No.186

Dated : 24.01.1980.

Read again :

1. G.O.Ms.No. 312, Home, dt.2.2.1979.

Read also :

2. From the Director, Motor Vehicles Maintenance Organisation, Madras Lr.No. 19578/E5/78, dt. 13.3.1979.

ORDER

Under Rule 20 of the Tamil Nadu Departmental Vehicles Control Rules, 1976, normally a battery should last for about 15,000 miles or 24,000 Kms. or for a period of 1½ years, whichever is later. The Director of Public Health and Preventive Medicines, Madras brought to the notice of the Government that the batteries fitted in the vehicles of his Department could not complete 24,000 Kms. even after they cover 2 or 2½ years in view of the petrol ceiling and accordingly requested that he might be permitted to condemn them if they had completed 24,000 Kms or 18 months as the case might be. The Director, Motor Vehicles Maintenance organisation, madras has stated that it is a fact that vehicles are not completing the prescribed mileage even after 24 to 30 months of service, and the life of a battery depends on the chemical action and reaction in the cell and it gets deteriorated after a period of 18 to 20 months of service and hence most batteries do not cover the prescribed kilometres. The Director has also pointed out that there are many cases of departmental Officers approaching him for ratification of their action in not fulfilling the condition in the above rule. The Director, Motor Vehicles Maintenance Organisation has therefore recommended that the Maintenance organisation has therefore recommended that the above rule may be amended, prescribing the life of the battery as 18 months or 24,000 Kms, whichever is earlier. The Transport Commissioner, Madras has agreed with the Director.

2. The Government have examined the question of prescribing the norms of replacement of batteries fitted in Motor Vehicles of all departments concerned by constituting a Technical Committee with the following members;-

1. The Managing Director, Pallavan Transport Corporation Limited (Metre).
2. The Managing Director, Pallavan Transport Corporation Limited (District) and
3. The Director, Motor Vehicles Maintenance Organisation, Madras.

The Technical Committee which had its sitting on 8.3.79 recommended the norms for replacement of batteries as 24 months or 18,000 Kms. which ever is earlier.

3. The Government accept the recommendation of the Technical Committee referred to in para 2 above subject to the condition that in the case of replacement that the actual condition of battery should warrant replacement and it should not be replaced only because it has satisfied

the norms. They accordingly issue the following amendment to Rule 20 of the Tamil Nadu Departmental Vehicles Control Rules, 1976.

AMENDMENTS

For the First sentence "Normally a Battery should last for about 15,0000 miles of 24,000 Kms. or for a period of 1½ years whichever is later", in Rule 20 of the Tamil Nadu Departmental Vehicles Control Rules, 1976, the following shall be substituted:-

"Normally a battery should last for a period of 24 months or 18,000 Kms whichever is earlier. Incase of replacement the actual condition of battery should warrant replacement and it should not be replaced only because it has satisfied the norms:

This order issue with the concurrence of the Finance Department vide its U.O. No. 161838/H2/79, dt.18.1.1979.

(By order of the Governor)

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