

**RT-11036/35/2020-MVL**  
**Government of India**  
**Ministry of Road Transport & Highways**  
**(MVL Section)**  
**Transport Bhawan, 1, parliament Station, New Delhi-110001**

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Dated the 09 June, 2020

To,

1. The Director General of Police
  2. Principal Secretaries/ Secretaries, Department of Transport
  3. The Transport Commissioners
- of all the States and Union Territories.

**Subject: Extension of the Validity of documents related to Motor Vehicles Act, 1988 and Central Motor Vehicle Rules, 1989 and further to consider relaxation in Permit - fees / taxes etc.**

Madam /Sir,

Please refer to the order by Ministry of Home Affairs vide No.40-3/2020-DMI(A), Dated 24<sup>th</sup> March 2020, and the guidelines issued subsequently, pursuant to a decision to impose a complete lock down in view of the threat imposed by the spread of COVID-19. The Government has provided for the availability of the essential goods and production thereof and has allowed the vehicles for the transport of such goods / cargo and further opening up the operation of passenger transport. It had come to the notice of the Government that citizens were facing difficulties in renewal of validity of various documents related to Motor Vehicles Act, 1988 and Central Motor Vehicle Rules, 1989 due to lock-down being at various stages in the country and expected to face long queues in front of Government Transport Offices.

2. In view of the above, Ministry of Road Transport and Highways had issued an advisory dated 30<sup>th</sup> March, 2020 to all States and Union Territories regarding extension of validity of the documents related to Motor Vehicles Act, 1988 and Central Motor Vehicle Rules, 1989. It was advised that the validity of Fitness, Permit (all types), Driving License, Registration or any other concerned document(s) whose extension of validity could not or not likely be granted due to lock-down and which had expired since 1st of Feb, 2020 or would expire by 30th of June 2020, the same may be treated to be valid till 30th of June 2020. Enforcement authorities were advised to treat such documents valid till 30th of June, 2020.

3. Further, In order to facilitate citizens during COVID -19, MORTH has issued a gazette notification vide S.O. No. 1579(E), dated 21<sup>st</sup> May 2020 prescribing that the

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fees paid on or after 1<sup>st</sup> February 2020 for the activity(s) under Rule 32 or Rule 81 of the Central Motor Vehicles Rules, 1989, including renewal and in case such activity(s) is not completed due to conditions for prevention of COVID-19 pandemic, the fees paid shall continue to remain valid. And If there is delay in paying the fees from 1<sup>st</sup> of Feb, 2020 till the period of lockdown there would not be any additional or late fee to be charged for such delays till 31<sup>st</sup> July 2020.

4. Taking into consideration the grim situation still continuing due to conditions for prevention of spread of COVID-19 across the country, it is advised that-

a. **Validity of Documents :** The validity of Fitness, Permit (all types), Learner's License, Driving License, Registration or any other concerned document whose extension of validity could not or not likely be granted due to lock-down and which had expired since 1<sup>st</sup> Feb 2020 or will expire till 30<sup>th</sup> September 2020, the same may be treated to be valid till 30<sup>th</sup> September, 2020. Enforcement authorities may be advised to treat such documents valid till 30<sup>th</sup> September, 2020.

b. Attention of State / UT Government Authorities are brought to the following provisions of the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988 for consideration:

I. **Subsections 3(f) and 3(n) of Section 66** - Exemption from requirement of permit to transport vehicle by State Government.

II. **Clause (viii) of sub-section 2 of section 96** - provide for exemption of prescribed person or prescribed classes of persons from payment of all or any or any portion of the fees payable under Chapter V of the MV act, 1988.

III. **Section 211** - Provide for exempting any class of persons from the payment of fee in part or in full.

c. **Exemption from Permit / Relaxation on Fees / Tax / Penalties :** The State/UTs are requested to consider provisions available under the Motor Vehicles Act 1988 or other such provisions available under other Acts, for considering relaxation in requirement of permit, or fees or taxes for renewal / penalty for permits etc.

5. All the States and Union Territories are requested to implement this advisory in letter and spirit so that the citizens, the transporters, various other organisations which are operating under this difficult time may not get harassed and face difficulties.

Yours faithfully,

  
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