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Government of India  
Ministry of Road Transport & Highways  
(MVL Section)  
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Dated, the 27 June, 2022

To,

- i. The Chief Secretaries of All States and Administrators of UTs;
- ii. Director Generals of Police of all States/UTs;
- iii. Principal Secretaries/ Secretaries (Transport) of all States/ UTs;
- iv. Transport Commissioners of all States/ UTs.

**Subject: Revision of Safe Axle Weights for Transport Vehicles and enforcement thereof.**

Madam/Sir,

The maximum permissible safe axle limits were enhanced vide S.O. 3467 (E) dated July 16, 2018 and further amended vide S.O. 3881 (E) dated August 06, 2018.

2. Advisories on the subject matter were issued to all States/UTs vide this Ministry's letters dated July 18, 2018 and August 07, 2018, respectively.

3. The advisory dated August 07, 2018, vide para 2, stated that "all the vehicle models that have been type approved before July 16, 2018, shall be allowed the revised maximum safe axle weight. The Gross Vehicle Weight (GVW) of the vehicles shall also be revised accordingly." It is understood from the above statement that the revision in safe axle limits was facilitative in nature, allowing willing operators to legally carry higher loads by getting the GVW enhanced in vehicle Registration Certificate (RC).


4. This Ministry has received representations that in some states, transport operators who did not require load enhancement and hence chose not to avail the revised maximum safe axle weight, are also being asked to pay tax for higher GVW.

5. It is hereby clarified that load enhancement in RC is not mandatory for vehicles type approved before July 16, 2018. In other words, the process for registering the increased safe axle weights is voluntary for a vehicle owner who desires to carry higher loads. For such vehicles, the applicable tax shall be on the basis of GVW mentioned in the RC.

6. It is further clarified that a transport vehicle cannot ply with the enhanced GVW (based on revised safe axle limits) until it is reflected in the RC and the difference in applicable tax has been paid by the vehicle owner.

Encl: as above

Yours faithfully



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- The Chairman, NHAI - with the request to communicate the contents of this advisory and the notification to all the Toll Plaza operators to be used in respect of loading of vehicles.
- All India Motor Transport Congress- For Info