



**MANUAL
OF THE
MOTOR VEHICLES DEPARTMENT
MAHARASHTRA STATE, MUMBAI**

**MOTOR VEHICLES ACT AND RULES,
ALSO NOTIFICATIONS, CIRCULARS
ISSUED THEREUNDER,**

Foreword

Motorized transportation made its debut in the late nineteenth century in India which effectively launched India into the modern industrial era. As was to be expected, the then British Government introduced a law to govern the same in 1914.

Over a period of time, the structure of the law evolved to accommodate both the rising population of motor vehicles and the complexities attendant to this rise. It provided for the type of vehicles, the authorities & their jurisdiction. During the heyday of the welfare State phase, it also covered liabilities arising out of accidents and the mandatory insurance policies, and, of course, claims tribunals. But throughout the history of the Motor Vehicles Act, in its various incarnations underlined the concern for the safety of other road users. If coordinated development of road transport was the corner stone of the pre-liberalisation era, it is service level standards and introduction of modern technology, including IT in transport sector, which underlines today's Motor Vehicles Act.

Environmental concerns and introduction of green fuels have reflected in the progressively stringent emission standards from BS - I to BS IV. This has brought in its wake a host of stake holders like PUC centers, retrofiters and their regulation.

Exploding vehicle population coupled with a comparatively inadequate infrastructure and a characteristically non-

challenging attitude towards safety, together offered a recipe for deteriorating road safety scenario. Serious accidents, involving precious loss of life prompted court to direct the executive on various issues from overloaded vehicles to clandestine operation in passenger transportation.

All the factors listed above necessitated issue of plethora of guidelines, circulars, standing orders all aimed at the executive arm of the department.

There was, therefore a long felt need to consolidate and collate these administrative and legislative dictats and present them in a concise and cogent manner for the use of the officers and the citizens. This compilation of the manual has satisfied that need. It has been decided to publish this manual, not in the traditional hard copy form but on the website of the department. It will not only provide easy and universal access but also enable quick and timely updating.

The publication of this e-manual constitutes important step in the direction of service level improvements, and also transparency.

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