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To all Secretaries of the Ministries and Heads of Departments

Scheme of granting Motor Vehicle Permits on Concessionary Terms.

Explanation of the provisions of TIP Circular No. 01/2018.

Your attention is drawn to the below mention explanations of the provisions of Section 7.ii, 8.3 and 8.4 of TIP Circular No. 01/2018.

(i.) Section. 7.ii

" If any information furnished by the officer to prove the eligibility for obtaining the permit is proved false, the issued permit will be cancelled. If motor vehicle has been already imported/purchased, actions will be taken in accordance with the relevant laws. Legal and disciplinary actions will be taken in relevant to furnishing such false information".

Explanation:-

If the information furnished by a particular officer to obtain the vehicle permit is confirmed to be false, the issued permit should be cancelled with immediate effect. If a vehicle was imported / purchased, steps should be taken to recover the loss of Government revenue due to the issuance of the permit as per the provisions of applicable tax Acts. Disciplinary actions should be taken as per the provisions of the Establishment Code and/or any other administrative provisions or rules effective in the particular institution against the applicant, recommending officer (as per the Section 8.3) and the approving officer (as per the Section 9.2) of the permit on the grounds of providing falsified information. Further, if it is required as per the provisions of the Establishment Code, legal proceedings should be initiated on the common law enforced in the country.

(ii) Section 8.3

"As this permit is issued based on the information furnished by the permit holder, the Head of the Department/Institution should recommend the application after verifying the accuracy of the furnished information and certifying that false information has not been provided and the officer authorized to issue the permit should satisfy with the provided information before issuance of the permit".

Explanation:-

Officers recommending and approving permits should satisfy themselves that the relevant applicant of the permits has forwarded the application along with the documents in proof of the eligibility to the permit, subsequent to the verification of his /her eligibility, prior to submission of the application as per the Annexure III referred in the Section 8.1 of the Circular.

Further, when recommending and approving applications, striking off, deletion and adding of words should not be made, except for striking off words necessary in selecting a statement as per the format of application.

(iii) Section 8.4

"Authority for issuance of motor vehicle permits under this scheme is hereby given to the Secretaries to the Ministries mentioned in the Annex II of this Circular. Copies of each and every permit issued should be forwarded to relevant files and institutions at the issuance of the permit as follows"

Explanation:-

If the relevant Secretary is of the opinion, that the performance of entire task or a part of issuing permits as per the above mentioned section is inconvenient due to excess of duties, he may delegate the authority of issuing the vehicle permit to an Additional Secretary whom he deems fit. However, in such delegation of authority, the relevant Secretary should make sure that the permits are issued only for the eligible officers. Such delegation of authority for an officer to sign the permits should be informed to the Department of Trade and Investment Policy, Sri Lanka Customs and to the Auditor General.

Further clarifications on the above, can be obtained from the Director General of the Department of Trade and Investment Policy.

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