

**Government of West Bengal
Transport Department,
Paribahan Bhaban,
12, R. N. Mukherjee Road, Kolkata-700001**

No. 2516- WT/3M-98/2006

Dated: 19th June, 2014

NOTIFICATION

Whereas the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India has issued direction on 10/12/2013 in the matter of S.L.P. (C) No. 23984/2010 and directed all State Government to review the orders/ Notification issued by them authorizing dignitaries, officers and operational agencies for use of red light on vehicles to bring them in tune with Rule 108 of Central Motor Vehicle Rules, 1989 and the Notification Nos. S.O. 52(E) dated- 11.01.2002 and S.O. 1070(E) dated 28.07.2005 issued by the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways, Government of India;

Now, therefore, in compliance of the aforesaid order of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of the India and in exercise of powers under Rule 108(1)(iii), Rule 108(2), (3) & (4) of the Central Motor Vehicle Rules, 1989 and as per provisions laid down in the clauses (c) and (e) of the Notification No. S.O. 52*(E) dated 11.01.2002 and in general pursuance of the Central Rules and Central Notifications, the Governor, in supersession of all previous Notifications in this regards, is hereby pleased to notify the following list of high dignitaries, officers and providers of emergency services to use certain specific kind of lights on vehicles in this States, in the matter as detailed below:

1. Red light with flasher on top front of the vehicles in this State:
 - i. Governor;
 - ii. Chief Minister;
 - iii. Chief Justice of High Court;
 - iv. Speaker of Vidhan Sabha;
 - v. Cabinet Ministers of the State Government;
 - vi. Leader of Opposition in the Vidhan Sabha;
 - vii. Judges of the High Court.

2. Red light without flasher on top front of the vehicles in this State:
 - i. Ministers of State of the Government of West Bengal;
 - ii. Deputy Speaker, Vidhan Sabha, West Bengal;
 - iii. Mayor of Kolkata;
 - iv. Chief Secretary, Government of West Bengal.

3. Blue light with flasher on top front of the vehicles in this State:
 - i. Parliamentary Secretaries;
 - ii. Advocate General, West Bengal;
 - iii. Additional Solicitor General;
 - iv. State Election Commissioner, West Bengal;
 - v. Chairman, State Administrative Tribunal, West Bengal;
 - vi. Chairman, West Bengal Minorities Commission;
 - vii. Chairman, West Bengal Commission for Backward Classes;
 - viii. Chairman, West Bengal State Public Service Commission.

4. As the Hon'ble Supreme Court has directed, inter alia,"... the men in uniform; operational agencies which require unhindered access to the roads for performance of their duty; those engaged in emergency duties..... Emergency maintenance etc., and police vehicles used as..... pilots or for law and order duties" will be entitled to lights of other (than red) colours, the Governor is pleased to direct that dignitaries and officials, who are listed in Notification No. 2998-WT/3M-118/2001 Pt. IV dated 07.09.2007, Notification No. 4425-WT/3M-118/2001 Pt. IV dated 28.10.2009, Notification No. 3846-WT/3M-118/2001 Pt.IV dated 12.12.2011 and Notification No. 1067-WT/3M-118/2001Pt.IV dated 26.03.2012 issued by Transport Department, Government of West Bengal, till this date but not listed herein above, **will be entitled to have blue lights without flasher on top front of the vehicles** issued by them. Secretaries to Government of West Bengal, heads of Police agencies/ Directorates/ Commissionerates, District Magistrates, District Superintendents of Police, etc., will have this entitlement.

- i. Additional Chief Secretary of this States;
- ii. Principal Secretaries and Secretaries of the Government department of the State Government;
- iii. Chairman, Commercial Taxes Appellate Tribunal;
- iv. Chairman, Land and Land Reforms Tribunals;
- v. Additional Advocate General of this States;
- vi. Chairman and Members, Human Rights Commission of this States;
- vii. Director General of Police/Additional Director General of Police of this States;
- viii. Commissioner of Police in Kolkata, within his Jurisdiction;
- ix. Divisional Commissioners within their respective Division;
- x. Field Level Inspector General's of Police within their Zones and Deputy Inspector General of Police within their Ranges;
- xi. District Magistrates and Superintendent of Police within their respective District;
- xii. Mayors of Municipal Corporations of Howrah, Asansol and Siliguri, within their respective areas;
- xiii. Chairman, Bidhannagar Municipality, within his area;
- xiv. Deputy Mayor, Kolkata Municipal Corporation, within his area;
- xv. Chairman, West Bengal Woman's Commission;
- xvi. Chairman, Legal Service Authority;
- xvii. State Chief Information, Commissioner West Bengal ;
- xviii. Vice Chancellors of all recognized Universities in this State;
- xiv. Vigilance Commissioner, West Bengal;
- xv. Lokayukt of this State;
- xvi. Sobhadhipaties of the Zilla Parishads of this States, within their areas;
- xvii. The District Judges (within the Jurisdiction of respective districts);
- xviii. The Registrar General, High Court, Calcutta;
- xix. The Chief Judge, City Civil Court, Calcutta (within the jurisdiction of City Civil Court, Calcutta)
- xx. The Chief Judge, City Session Court, Calcutta (within the jurisdiction of City Session Court, Calcutta)
- xxi. The Municipal Commissioner, Kolkata Municipal Corporation. (Within the area under Kolkata Municipal Corporation)
- xxii. Chairman, Board of Wakfs, West Bengal.
- xxiii. Chairman, West Bengal State Council of Higher Education.

Note:- Sl. No. xvii to xxiii has been entitling under the Government of West Bengal Transport Department Notification No. 4425-WT/3M-118/2001 PT.IV dt. 28.10.2009.

5. Any violation of the above shall be considered as violation of law and liable for prosecution accordingly.

6. If red or blue light is affixed to hired vehicle in terms of the principles mentioned above, then such hired vehicle shall be used only for official purposes and only the concern dignitary/ official concern is using such vehicle himself or herself. Use of such hired vehicles with red or blue lights beyond office hours for non-official purposes is strictly prohibited.

This Notification shall take immediate effect.

By Order of the Governor

(AVANINDRA SINGH)
Joint Secretary,
To the Government of West Bengal.