



ABSTRACT

Motor Vehicles - Taxation - grant of concessional rate of life time tax in respect of Battery Operated two wheeler/Four wheeler non-transport vehicles - orders issued.

HOME (TRANSPORT-1) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No.342

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Read :

From the Transport Commissioner, Chennai letter No.68898 /D1/2006 dated 29.09.2006 and D.O. letter dated 29.10.2007

ORDER:

The Government of India, Ministry of Shipping Road Transport and Highways, Department of Road Transport and Highways in their letter dated 14.10.2005, reported that Electrically Operated Vehicles (EOVs) are ecologically benign and emit zero pollution. In order to promote use of such eco-friendly vehicles, one suggestion that has emanated from several quarters is exemption of road tax for EOVs. they have therefore requested the States / Union Territories to consider the suggestion for exempting EOVs, from road tax in the interest of promotion of these eco-friendly vehicles.

2. The Government of India vide their Notification No.GSR 589(E), dated 16.09.2005 have defined the Battery Operated Vehicle in sub-rule (U) of rule 2 of Central Motor Vehicles Rules, 1989 which reads as follows:-

'(U) "Battery Operated Vehicle" means a vehicle adapted for use upon roads and powered exclusively by an electric motor whose traction energy is supplied exclusively by traction battery installed in the vehicle:

Provided that if the following conditions are verified and authorized by any testing agency specified in rule 126, the battery operated vehicle shall not be deemed to be a motor vehicle.

- i) The thirty minutes power of the motor is less than 0.25.KW;
- ii) The maximum speed of the vehicle is less than 25 k.m/h;
- iii) Bi-cycies with pedal assistance which are -

