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GOVERNMENT OF TAMIL NADU
ABSTRACT

Public Services - Medical Test for Drivers of Government Vehicles who have crossed 39 years of age - orders - issued.

PERSONNEL AND ADMINISTRATIVE REFORMS (R) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No.86

dated:8.2.96

Read:

1. From the Special Commissioner & Commissioner of Land Administration, Letter No.A2.42332/91, dated 25.9.91
2. From the Director of Medical & Rural Health Services, Letter No.K.Dis. 15312/E5/3/92, dated 22.9.92
3. From the Director of Medical Education, Letter No:17303/H&D/92, dated 19.1.92
4. From the Manager (personnel), Pallavan Transport Corporation, Letter No.8253/PS(A)2/PTC/95, dated 26.4.95

ORDER:

The Special Commissioner and Commissioner of Land Administrative in his letter read above has stated that the Government Vehicles Drivers should appear before the Medical Board periodically for medical check up once in 6 months (during the months of January/July) and get the physical Fitness certificates and that the appointing authority be empowered to refer the Drivers under their control to the Medical Board periodically.

2. The Government have carefully examined the suggestion of special Commissioner and Commissioner of Land Administration in para 1 above in consultation on with the Director of Medical and Rural Health Services, Director of Medical Education and the Managing Director, Pallavan Transport Corporation, Madras. The Director of Medical and Rural Health Services and the Special Commissioner and Commissioner for Land Administration ~~and have~~ suggested that all the Drivers of the Government Departments may be subjected to medical check up by Medical Board in the Head Quarters Hospitals in each District with special reference to their eyes and ears ~~and~~ once in a year. The Managing Director, Pallavan Transport Corporation has stated that Government in G.O.Ms.No.1133, Transport department, dated 29.9.79 have accepted the following recommendation of the Pattabiraman Committee and Ordered the implementation of the recommendation:

"Drivers beyond the age of 45 should be tested for eye test, reflex action, and physical fitness and persons not suitable may be taken out of driving and given alternative work in workshops wherever possible or weeded out in other cases"

In G.O.Ms.No.746, Transport department, dated 2.7.81 it was ordered that the workers in State Transport undertakings who are declared unfit for continuance in the same posts, by Doctors while in service, because of eye defect or any other ailment, be discharged on medical grounds and their service benefits settled and they should be subsequently provided with alternative employment in posts like "Helpers" depending upon their qualifications and experience and suitability to the new posts, without consulting the Employment Exchange.

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3. Taking note of the position detailed in para 2 above and considering that prescription of Medical test for Drivers of Government Vehicles is necessary for the safety of the Driver himself, the Government have decided that the Drivers of Government vehicles should be physically fit. The matter was discussed in the Secretariat meeting also and it was decided to accept the above proposal for prescription of Medical Test for drivers. The Government after careful examination have decided to accept the decision taken in the Secretaries meeting and they accordingly direct that the Drivers of Government Vehicles should undergo medical test as indicated below:-

AGE

Less than 40 years	No test
40 to 52 years	Once in 3 years
After 52 years	Once in a year

For the above purpose free eye camp shall be conducted by the Health Department.

4. The Government also direct that, if any Driver is declared unfit for continuance in the same post by doctors because of eye defect or any other ailment, he will be provided with alternative employment in posts like Helpers of Office Assistant depending upon their qualifications by retaining the same pay scale.

(BY ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR)

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SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

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