

- (a) "Ambulance" means vehicle specially designed, constructed or modified and equipped and intended to be used for emergency transportation of persons who are sick, injured, wounded or otherwise incapacitated.
- (b) "Animal ambulance" means a motor vehicle intended to be used for the emergency transportation of sick, injured, wounded or otherwise incapacitated animals.
- (c) "Camper van" means a special purpose M 1 category vehicle constructed to include living accommodation which contains at least the following equipment :
- Seats and table.
 - Sleeping accommodation which may be converted from the seats.
 - Cooking facilities, and
 - Storage facilities.

This equipment shall be rigidly fixed to the living compartment; however, the table may be designed to be easily removable.

†(d) The "Omnibus" has been kept in the category of transport vehicle with a view to bringing it under the purview of fitness regime as it is exhaustively used on road. However, the taxes to be levied on such vehicle would fall within the jurisdiction of State Government.

* (e) Under Rule 2(ca), use of public road by Construction Equipment of Vehicles is incidental to the main off-road function. However, when the public road is being used regularly for carrying on commercial activities, then Construction Equipment Vehicles such as dumpers and excavators being used for such activities, shall be deemed as transport vehicles.

2. Registration mark for Vehicles for States and Union Territories

No. S.O.444(E), dated 12.6.1989. - In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (6) of Section 41 of the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988 (59 of 1988), the Central Government hereby allots to the States and Union Territories specified in column (1) of the Table below, the groups of letters specified in the corresponding entry in column (2) thereof, for use as registration mark for each State and Union Territory to be followed by the code number of the Registering Authority to be allotted by the State Government or, as the case may be, the Administrator of the Union Territory and not exceeding four figures, to be used as registration mark.

TABLE

States/Union Territories (1)	Group of Letters (2)
1. Andaman and Nicobar	AN
2. Andhra Pradesh	AP
3. Arunachal Pradesh	AR
4. Assam	AS
5. Bihar	BR
6. Chandigarh	CH
¹ [6-A. Chattisgarh	CG]
7. Dadra and Nagar Haveli	DN
8. Daman and Diu	DD
9. Delhi	DL
10. Goa	GA

¹ Inserted by S.O. 1080(E), dated 30.11.2000, published in the Gazette of India, Ext., Pt. II, S. 3(ii), dated 30.11.2000.

11.	Gujarat	GJ
12.	Haryana	HR
13.	Himachal Pradesh	HP
14.	Jammu and Kashmir	JK
14.	Jharkhand	JH.]
¹ [14-A.	Karnataka	KA
15.	Kerala	KL
16.	Lakshadweep	LD
17.	Madhya Pradesh	MP
18.	Maharashtra	MH
19.	Manipur	MN
20.	Meghalaya	ML
21.	Mizoram	MZ
22.	Nagaland	NL
23.	Orissa	OR
24.	Pondicherry	PY
25.	Punjab	PB
26.	Rajasthan	RJ
27.	Sikkim	SK
28.	Tamil Nadu	TN
29.	Uttar Pradesh	UP
² [31-A.	Uttaranchal	UA]
32.	West Bengal	WB

2. Where the four figures referred to in paragraph 1 reaches 9999, the next series shall begin with alphabet 'A' followed by not more than four figures and thereafter with alphabet 'B' followed by not more than four figures and so on until all the alphabets, excluding 'I' and 'O' are exhausted :

³[Provided that the letters shall be in English and the figures shall be in Arabic numerals:

Provided further that the State Government may direct by notification that an additional plate displaying the letters and figures in any other specified Indian language out of those mentioned in the Eighth Schedule of the Constitution, may also be displayed on the motor vehicle, if so desired by the owner of the vehicle :

Provided also that in all cases the letters and figures shall be painted in reflecting colours and shall be shown, -

- in the case of transport vehicles other than those under the Rent a Cab Scheme, 1989, in back on white ground;
- in the case of motor vehicles temporarily registered, in red on yellow ground;
- in the case of motor vehicles in the possession of dealers, in white on a red ground;
- in the other cases, in white on a black ground;

¹ Inserted by S.O. 14(4), dated 5.1.2001, published in the Gazette of India, Ext., Pt. II, S. 3(ii), dated 5.1.2001.

² Inserted by S.O. 1080(E), dated 30.11.2000, published in the Gazette of India, Ext., Pt. II, S. 3(ii), dated 30.11.2000.

³ Substituted by S.O.827(E), dated 11.11.1992, published in the Gazette of India, Ext., Pt. II, S. (ii), dated 11.11.1992.

- (e) in the case of transport vehicle under the Rent a Cab Scheme, 1989, in yellow on a black ground.]
3. This notification shall come into force on the first day of July, 1989.

3. Maximum Gross Vehicle Weight and the Maximum Safe Axle Weight

No. S.O.728(E), dated 18.10.1996. - In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (1) of Section 58 of the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988 (59 of 1988) and in supersession of the notification of the Government of India in the Ministry of Surface Transport SO No. 479(E), dated the 4th July, 1996, the Central Government hereby specifies that in relation to the transport vehicles (other than motor cabs) of various categories detailed in the Schedule below, the maximum gross vehicle weight and the maximum safe axle weight of each axle of such vehicles shall, having regard to the size, nature and number of weight and maximum weight permitted to be carried by the tyres as per Rule 95 of the Central Motor Vehicles Rules, 1989, be -

- (i) vehicle manufacturers rating of the gross vehicle weight and axle weight respectively for each make and model as duly certified by the testing agencies for compliance of Rule 126 of the Central Motor Vehicles Rules, 1989, or
- (ii) the maximum gross vehicle weight and the maximum safe axle weight of each vehicle respectively as specified in the Schedule below for the relevant category, or
- (iii) the maximum load permitted to be carried by the tyre(s) as specified in the Rule 95 of the Central Motor Vehicles Rules, 1989, for the size and number of the tyres fitted on the axle(s) of the relevant make and model, whichever is less :

Provided that the maximum gross vehicle weight in respect of all such transport vehicles, including multi-axle vehicles shall not be more than the sum total of all the maximum safe axle weight put together subject to the restrictions, if any, on the maximum gross vehicle weight given in the said Schedule.

Schedule

1	2	3	4
Transport Vehicles Category	Max GVW Tonnes	Maximum Safe Axle Weight	
I Rigid Vehicles			
(i)	Two Axle One tyre on front axle, and two tyres on rear axle	9.00	3 tonnes on front axle 6 tonnes on rear axle
(ii)	Two Axle Two tyres on each axle	12.0	6 tonnes on front axle 6 tonnes on rear axle
(iii)	Two Axle Two tyres on front axle, and Four tyres on rear axle	16.2	6 tonnes on front axle 10.2 tonnes on rear axle
(iv)	Three Axle Two tyres on front axle, and Eight tyres on rear tandem axle	25.0	6 tonnes on front axle 19 tonnes on rear tandem axle
¹ (v)	Four Axle Four tyres on front axle, and Eight tyres on rear tandem axle	31.0	12 tonnes on two front axle 19 tonnes on rear tandem axle]
II Semi-Articulated Vehicles			
(i)	Two Axle Tractor	26.4	

¹ Inserted by S.O.732(E), dated 8.9.1999 (w.e.f. 8.9.1999).