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## PRESS NEWS

The Officials of the Transport Department and Police Department conducted surprise checks on autorickshaws plying in Chennai City on 1.8.2009, since a number of complaints have been received that the vehicles are being operated without permits.

The checking of autorickshaws was conducted in three stages; from 6.00 AM to 11.00 AM in Anna Nagar, Tondiarpet, Thiruvanmiyur and Guindy; from 11.00 A.M. to 4.00 PM in Perambur, Vadapalani, Adyar and Saidapet and finally from 4.00 P.M. to 9.00 P.M. in Moolakkadai, T.Nagar, Royapettai and Chepet. In all twelve teams have been assigned for this task in twelve different areas in Chennai City.

The main aim behind this checking is to identify and detain the autorickshaws plying without valid permits. At the end of second stage of checking, 174 autorickshaws have been detained. The detained autorickshaws will be kept under the safe custody of Police officials in the following three centers;--

- 1. Rajarathinam Stadium, Egmore
- 2. Workshop, Metro Transport Corporation, Chrompet
- 3. CMDA Site at Koyambedu

The details of vehicles detained for having plied without permit will be displayed along with their registration numbers in the website of the Transport Department, **www.tn.gov.in/sta**. The vehicle owners can approach the Regional Transport Officers concerned with original records and get their vehicles released. It has been proposed to take up such checks regularly in future.

> Principal Secretary/ Transport Commissioner, Chennai – 5.

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