

At present the seating capacity of the passenger Autorickshaws is 3+1. Thus three persons alone can be carried excluding the driver. Representations were received from the public to the effect that specific provisions may be made for carrying school children since the autos which carry more than three children are booked for overload by the checking officials.

2. The Government have considered the representations and have issued G.O.MS.No.328, Home (Transport V) Department, dated 7.3.2008 amendment to rule 309 of the Tamil Nadu Motor Vehicles Rules 1989 by adding a proviso to the above Rule as follows :-

“ Provided further that for the purposes of these measurements for seating room of an Autorickshaw, 5 children up to 14 years shall be reckoned as 3 passengers”.

3. Therefore, the Autorickshaws can now carry 3 passengers or 5 children up to the age of 4 which will not be considered as overload as per law by the checking officers.

4. A copy of the Government order is also enclosed.

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