

No. S.O. 814 (E), dated August 22, 2001, published in the Gazette of India, dated 22nd August, 2001.—Whereas the Central Government is of the opinion that it is necessary and expedient in the public interest to notify certain standards in respect of the new system of high security registration plates for motor vehicles and the process used by a manufacturer or vendor for manufacturing or supplying such plates with reference to the amendments made in the Central Motor Vehicles Rules, 1989 by the Central Motor Vehicles (1st Amendment) Rules, 2001, it, therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred by the sub-section (3) of Section 109 of the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988 (59 of 1988) makes the following order to specify such standards, namely:—

1. This Order may be called as the Motor Vehicles (New High Security Registration Plates) Order, 2001.

2. It shall come into force on the 28th day of September, 2001 in case of new registered vehicles from that date and in case of already registered vehicles, two years from the date of publication of this Order in the Official Gazette.

3. **Application.**—This Order shall apply to motor vehicles as defined in Clause 28 of Section 2 of the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988 (59 of 1988).

4. A manufacturer or supplier of new high security registration plates shall comply with the following specifications, namely:—

- (i) The manufacturer or supplier shall have a certificate from the Central Road Research Institute, New Delhi or any one of the testing agencies authorised by the Central Government under Rule 126 of the Central Motor Vehicles Rules, 1989.
- (ii) The registration-plate shall conform to the specifications spelt out in Rule 50 of the Central Motor Vehicles Rules, 1989; and shall conform to DIN 1745/DIN 1783 or ISO 7591, as updated from time to time. The Registration Plate has to be guaranteed for imperishable nature for a minimum of five years.
- (iii) The background colour of the letters in the High Security Registration Plates shall be the same as per the colour scheme prescribed in the notification of the Government of India in the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways, No. G.S.R. 221 (E), dated 28-3-2001 namely in black colour on yellow back ground in case of transport vehicles and in black colour on white background in other cases. The letters of registration mark shall be in English and the figures shall be in Arabic numerals, and the letters and numerals shall be embossed and hot stamped.
- (iv) to protect against counterfeiting, a chromium-based hologram of the size of 20 mm x 20 mm is to be applied by hot stamping on the top left-hand corner of the plate in both front and rear plates. The hologram shall contain Ashoka emblem with "Bharat Sarkar" and "Government of India" on the each side, on left and right side respectively on Ashoka emblem vertically, as specified in the sketch, as given in the Annexure annexed to this Order.
- (v) The permanent identification number of minimum 7 digits is to be laser branded into the reflective sheeting on the bottom left-hand side of the

registration plate with the numeral size being 2.5 mm.

- (vi) the hot stamping film to be applied on the letters/numerals of the license number shall bear the inscription "INDIA".
- (vii) The third registration plate in the form of a self-destructive type chromium based hologram sticker shall be of the size of 100 mm x 60 mm is to be affixed on the inner side of left hand corner of windshield of the vehicle. The details on the sticker shall be (i) name of registering authority, (ii) registration number of the vehicle, (iii) laser branded permanent identification number, (iv) engine number, and (v) chassis number of the vehicle. On the bottom of the right corner of the sticker, the chromium based hologram shall be applied but of a smaller size of 10 mm x 10 mm. In the said sticker the registration number of the vehicle shall be in the centre with a letter size of 10 mm in height. The name of Registering authority would be on top part of sticker in letter size of 5 mm, while, laser branded permanent identification number, then engine number followed by chassis number shall come in the bottom left side of the sticker with numeral size being 2.5 mm in each case. A depiction of the sticker is given in the sketch as specified in the Annexure annexed to this Order.
- (viii) the registration plate fitted in the rear of the vehicle shall be fastened with non-removable/non-reusable snap lock system. For that sake of better security, at least two such snap locks shall be fitted.
- (ix) No high security plate shall be affixed outside the premises of the registering authority.
- (x) The manufacturer or the vendor selected by the State Transport Department for supply of such registration plates may be for the State as a whole or for any region of the State.
- (xi) The registration plate will be supplied to the motor vehicle owners by the vendor against the authorization by the Road Transport Officer or any officer designated for the purpose by the State Transport Department.
- (xii) The replacement for any existing registration plate may be made by the concerned transport authority only after ensuring that the old plate has been surrendered and destroyed.
- (xiii) A proper record of the registration plates issued by the manufacturer or the vendor, authorized by the State Government, should be maintained on a daily basis and got tallied periodically with the records of the Transport Office.
- (xiv) Periodic audit shall be carried out by concerned testing agency to ensure compliance of the requirements of the high security registration plate.

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