To

The Principal Secretaries/The Secretaries, Department of Transport/The Commissioners transport of all States/UT Administration.

Subject: Registration of Construction Equipment Vehicles (CEV), Agricultural Tractors, Combined Harvester and Power Tillers with Bharat Stage III configuration.

Dear Sir/Madam,

This Ministry has received a representation from certain Manufacturers Association wherein issues regarding registration of CEV (Construction Equipment Vehicles) and Tractors have been anticipated w.e.f 01st April 2020.

2. Ministry of Road Transport & Highways vide notification GSR 889 (E) dated 16th Sept, 2016 mandated BSVI mass emission norms for M and N categories of Motor Vehicles manufactured on or after 1st April 2020 for all models by inserting sub rule 18(i) and sub rule 18(ii) in rule 115.

3. It is brought to your kind attention that Construction Equipment Vehicles, Agricultural Tractors, Combined Harvester and Power Tillers engine emissions are covered under rule 115A of Central Motor Vehicle Rules, 1989 and notified vide GSR 276 (E) dated 10th April, 2007. The prevailing emission norms for Construction Equipment Vehicles is Bharat Stage (III) - CEV effective from 1st April, 2011 as notified vide GSR 276 (E) dt. 10th April, 2007. The next stage emission norms Bharat Stage (CEV/TREM) - (IV) will be implemented from 1st Oct, 2020 as notified vide GSR 201 (E) dt. 5th Mar, 2018.

4. This is to clarify that Rule 115 of CMVR 1989 pertains to Emission norms for M, N and L category of Motor vehicles, whereas, rule 115 A pertains to the Construction Equipment Vehicles, Agricultural Tractors, Combined Harvester and Power Tillers. Construction Equipment Vehicles, Agricultural Tractors, Combined Harvester and Power Tillers are separate type of vehicle which do not fall under M, N, L category of vehicle.

5. In this connection, it is to inform that the Hon'ble Supreme Court order dated 08.05.2017 passed in W.P (C) No.13029 of 1985, M.C. Mehta vs Union of India, wherein the Hon'ble Court had passed the following Orders at the time of transition from BS-III to BS-IV emission standards.

"It appears that the Motor Vehicles Registering Authority (RTO) has declined to register agricultural tractors and construction equipment, etc. on the ground that this has been prohibited by our judgment and order dated 29th March, 2017 as well as 13th April, 2017. We make it clear that the aforesaid two judgments and order relate only to rule 115 of the Central Motor Vehicles rules, 1989 and did not touch upon any of the vehicles mentioned under Rule 115-A of the aforesaid Rules."
This was communicated to the State Governments vide this Ministry letter No. RT-11021/47/2014-MVL dated 12th May 2017 (copy enclosed).

6. In view of the above, it is requested to register Construction Equipment Vehicles, Agricultural Tractors, Combined Harvester and Power Tillers in accordance with the provision 115A of the Central Motor Vehicle Rules (CMVR) 1989.

Yours faithfully,

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