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THE ADMINISTRATION OF  
UNION TERRITORY OF LADAKH

परिवहन विभाग

TRANSPORT  
DEPARTMENT

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यूटीसचिवालय, लेह /UT Secretariat, Leh.  
Dated:- 14.10.2025

**Subject:- Grant of temporary relaxation from mandatory installation/fitment of Vehicle Location Tracking Device (VLTD) in Public Service Vehicles in the Union territory of Ladakh - regarding.**

**Order No. 16-Trans (UTL) of 2025  
Dated:14.10.2025**

**WHEREAS**, Rule 125-H of the Central Motor Vehicles Rules, 1989 mandates the installation of Vehicle Location Tracking Devices (VLTDs) and Emergency Panic Buttons in all Public Service Vehicles (PSVs); and

**WHEREAS**, the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MoRTH), in terms of G.S.R. 1095 (E) dated 28<sup>th</sup> November, 2016, has also specified that all the Public Service Vehicles, as defined under Section 2 (35) of the Central Motor vehicle Act, 1988, are required to be equipped with AIS-140 certified VLTDs with Emergency Buttons. Further, vehicles carrying hazardous goods are also required to be fitted with these devices as specified in terms of G.S.R 617 (E) dated 03<sup>rd</sup> August, 2022 issued by the MoRTH; and

**WHEREAS**, notification No. Adm.Secy/Trans(UTL)/2025/21-25 dated 28.06.2025 was issued by the Transport Department, UT of Ladakh for mandatory fitment of AIS-140 VLTDs in all Public Service Vehicles & vehicles carrying dangerous or hazardous goods; and

**WHEREAS**, after issuance of the above notification, multiple requests were made by Transport Unions of the UT of Ladakh before the Transport Department for seeking temporary relaxation from the enforcement of the orders for mandatory fitment of VLTDs due to certain reasons. The same were considered and almost a three months temporary relaxation was granted; and

**WHEREAS**, representations were made by various Transport Unions of the UT of Ladakh before the Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor, UT of Ladakh on 08.10.2025, again seeking temporary relaxation from the immediate enforcement of the said rule, inter-alia, due to the limited tourist influx etc; and

**WHEREAS**, the Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor, UT of Ladakh, upon due consideration of the matter, has been pleased to direct that a limited relaxation of one month only may be granted to enable the stakeholders to comply fully with the statutory requirements.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, pursuant to the supra quoted directions, a temporary relaxation for a period of one month only i.e. till 10<sup>th</sup> November, 2025, from the date of representation made before the Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor, UT of Ladakh, is hereby given from the mandatory fitment of VLTDs in Public Service Vehicles operating within the Union territory of Ladakh, subject to the following terms and conditions:-

1. The concerned Transport Unions shall submit a duly attested/notarized affidavit to the office of RTO, Ladakh, undertaking to ensure full compliance with Rule 125-H, read with the Government of India, Ministry of Road Transport & Highways Notification No. G.S.R. 1095(E) dated 28.11.2016 and to complete installation/fitment of VLTDs in all Public Service Vehicles under their Union immediately after the relaxation period is over.

2. The process of fitment of VLTDs shall commence immediately and progress shall be monitored weekly by the respective ARTOs.
3. No further relaxation or extension beyond the specified date shall be granted under any circumstances. Any request for extension shall be deemed to be a violation of this order.
4. Upon expiry of the relaxation period, any vehicle found operating without a functional VLTD shall be liable for penal action under relevant sections/rules of the Motor Vehicles Act/Rules, 1988/89, including suspension of permit/registration and imposition of fines as per law. Besides, no renewal/issuance of permit and fitness shall be granted to those vehicles found operating without a functional VLTD after the relaxation period is over.
5. The primary responsibility for ensuring compliance shall rest with the vehicle owner/permit holder. Further the Transport Unions shall be held collectively accountable for non-compliance by their members.
6. The ARTOs shall maintain a verified database of all public service vehicles (PSVs) availing this relaxation and shall ensure physical verification of VLTD installation post-relaxation.
7. Any breach, misrepresentation or false affidavit in relation to this relaxation shall attract legal consequences under the Indian Penal Code, 1860 and Motor Vehicles Act, 1988, apart from cancellation of the benefit granted under this order.

**This issues with the approval competent authority.**

*Sd/-*  
**(Bhupesh Chaudhary) IAS,**  
Administrative Secretary.  
Transport Department.

Copy to:

1. Regional Transport Officer, Ladakh for necessary action please.
2. Director, NIC, Leh, UT of Ladakh for uploading on the Government Website.
3. PS to the Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor, UT of Ladakh for kind information of the Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor.
4. OSD to the Chief Secretary, UT of Ladakh for the kind information of the Chief Secretary.
5. ARTO, Leh / Kargil for strict compliance.
6. Presidents of all recognized Transport Unions, UT of Ladakh for information and necessary compliance.
7. Office file.

  
**(Dr. Mohammad Usman Khan) JKAS,**  
Additional Secretary,  
Transport Department.

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