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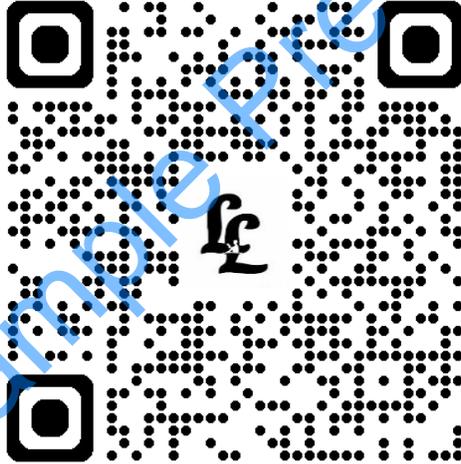
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ACT NO. 59 OF 1988

[14th October, 1988.]

An Act to consolidate and amend the law relating to motor vehicles.

BE it enacted by Parliament in the Thirty-ninth Year of the Republic of India as follows:—

### CHAPTER I PRELIMINARY

#### 1. Short title, extent and commencement.

- (1) This Act may be called the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988.
- (2) It extends to the whole of India.
- (3) It shall come into force on such date<sup>1</sup>as the Central Government may, by notification in the Official Gazette, appoint; and different dates may be appointed for different States and any reference in this Act to the commencement of this Act shall, in relation to a State, be construed as a reference to the coming into force of this Act in that State.

#### 2. Definitions.

In this Act, unless context otherwise requires,—

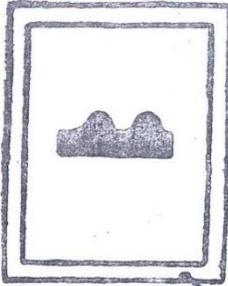
- (1) **“adapted vehicle”** means a motor vehicle either specially designed and constructed, or to which alterations have been made under sub-section (2) of section 52, for the use of a person suffering from any physical defect or disability, and used solely by or for such person;
- (1A) **“aggregator”** means a digital intermediary or market place for a passenger to connect with a driver for the purpose of transportation;
- (1B) **“area”**, in relation to any provision of this Act, means such area as the State Government may, having regard to the requirements of that provision, specify by notification in the Official Gazette;
- (2) **“articulated vehicle”** means a motor vehicle to which a semitrailer is attached;
- (3) **“axle weight”** means in relation to an axle of a vehicle the total weight transmitted by the several wheels attached to that axle to the surface on which the vehicle rests;
- (4) **“certificate of registration”** means the certificate issued by a competent authority to the effect that a motor vehicle has been duly registered in accordance with the provisions of Chapter IV;
- (4A) **“community service”** means an unpaid work which a person is required to perform as a punishment for an offence committed under this Act;
- (5) **“conductor”**, in relation to a stage carriage, means a person engaged in collecting fares from passengers, regulating their entrance into, or exit from, the stage carriage and performing such other functions as may be prescribed;
- (6) **“conductor’s licence”** means the licence issued by a competent authority under Chapter III authorising the person specified therein to act as a conductor;

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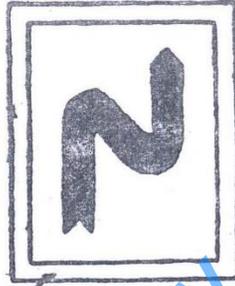
- (7) **“contract carriage”** means a motor vehicle which carries a passenger or passengers for hire or reward and is engaged under a contract, whether expressed or implied, for the use of such vehicle as a whole for the carriage of passengers mentioned therein and entered into by a person with a holder of a permit in relation to such vehicle or any person authorised by him in this behalf on a fixed or an agreed rate or sum —
- (a) on a time basis, whether or not with reference to any route or distance; or
  - (b) from one point to another, and in either case, without stopping to pick up or set down passengers not included in the contract anywhere during the journey, and includes—
    - (i) amaxicab; and
    - (ii) a motor cab notwithstanding that separate fares are charged for its passengers;
- (8) **“dealer”** includes a person who is engaged—
- (a) omitted
  - (b) in building bodies for attachment to chassis; or
  - (c) in the repair of motor vehicles; or
  - (d) in the business of hypothecation, leasing or hire-purchase of motor vehicle;
- (9) **“driver”** includes, in relation to a motor vehicle which is drawn by another motor vehicle, the person who acts as a steersman of the drawn vehicle;
- (9A) **“driver refresher training course”** means the course referred to in sub-section (2A) of section 19;
- (10) **“driving licence”** means the licence issued by a competent authority under Chapter II authorising the person specified therein to drive, otherwise than as a learner, a motor vehicle or a motor vehicle of any specified class or description;
- (11) **“educational institution bus”** means an omnibus, which is owned by a college, school or other educational institution and used solely for the purpose of transporting students or staff of the educational institution in connection with any of its activities;
- (12) **“fares”** includes sums payable for a season ticket or in respect of the hire of a contract carriage;
- (12A) **“golden hour”** means the time period lasting one hour following a traumatic injury during which there is highest likelihood of preventing death by providing prompt medical care;
- (13) **“goods”** includes live-stock, and anything (other than equipment ordinarily used with the vehicle) carried by a vehicle except living persons, but does not include luggage or personal effects carried in a motor car or in a trailer attached to a motor car or the personal luggage of passengers travelling in the vehicle;
- (14) **“goods carriage”** means any motor vehicle constructed or adapted for use solely for the carriage of goods, or any motor vehicle not so constructed or adapted when used for the carriage of goods;

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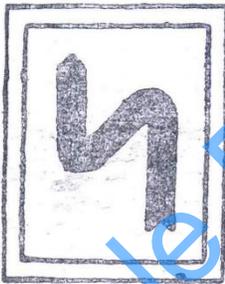
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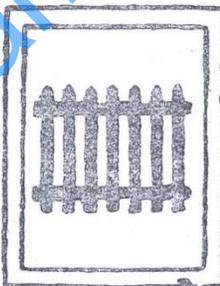
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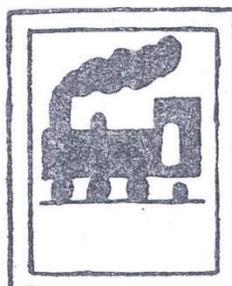
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(UNGUARDED)

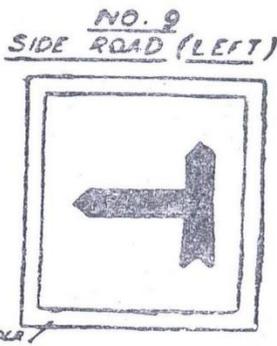
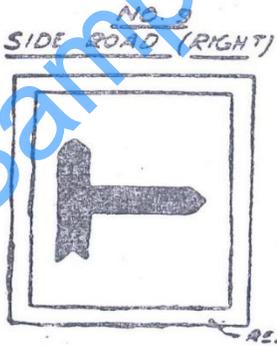
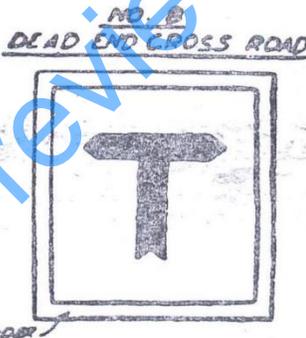
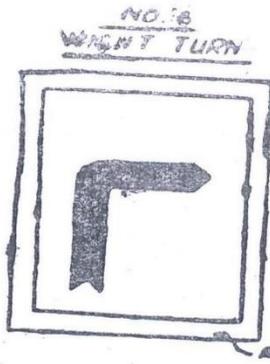


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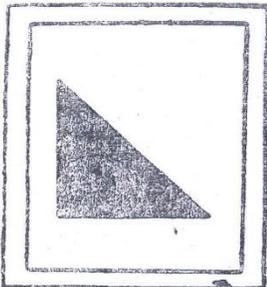
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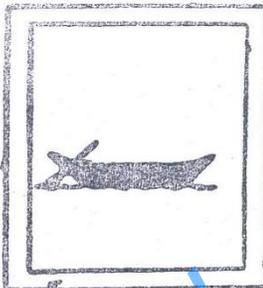
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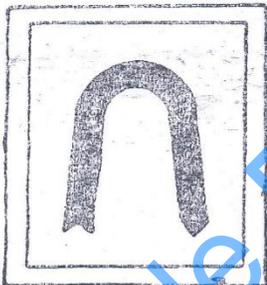


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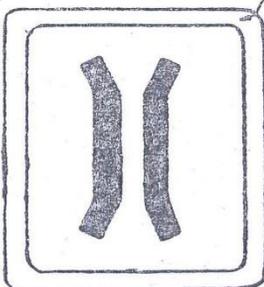


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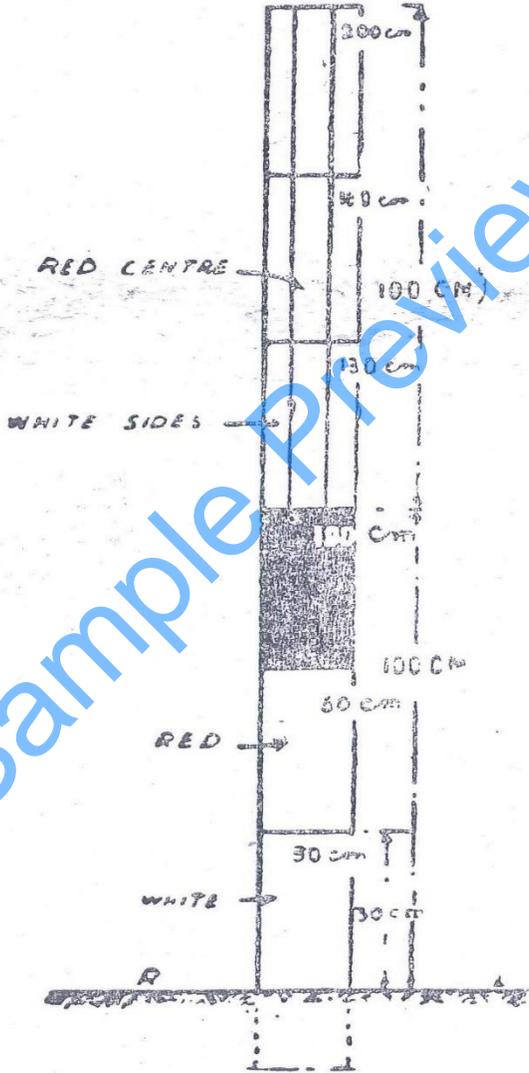
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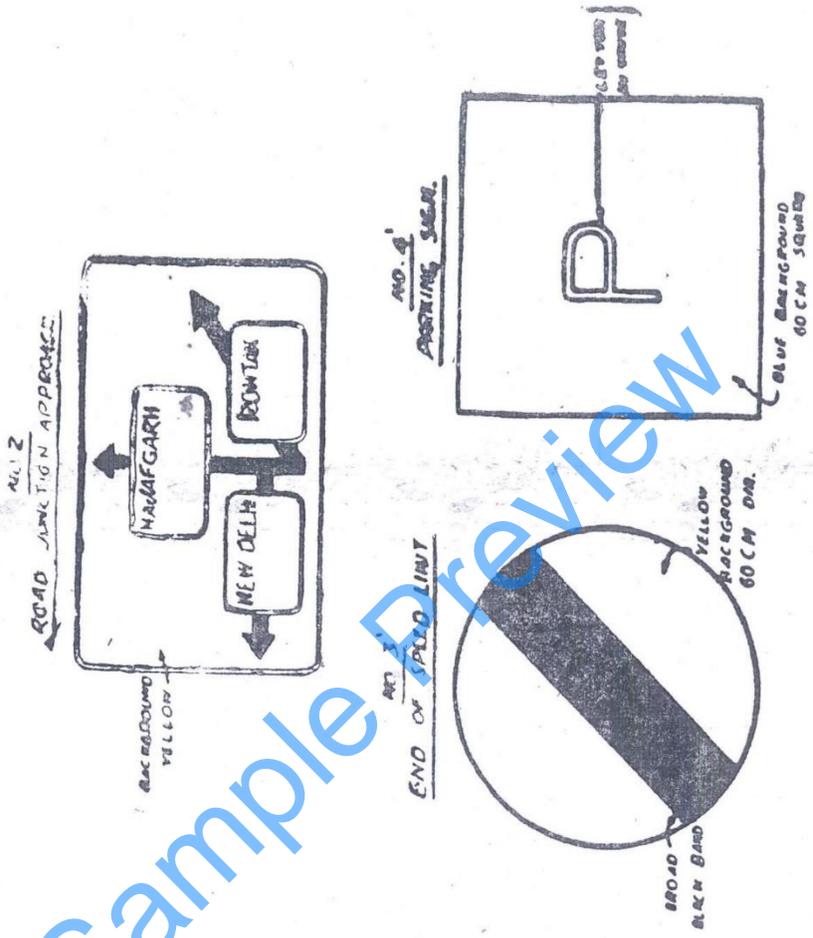
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Part C.—Informatory Signs

NO. 1<sup>1</sup>  
FLOOD GAUGE  
SIDE ELEVATION





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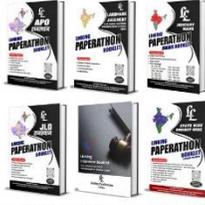


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