

TYPES OF MOTOR VEHICLES AT A GLANCE¹

In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (4) of section 41 of the motor vehicles act, 1988 (59 of 1988) and in supersession of the notification of the government of india in the erstwhile ministry of surface transport number no. S.o. 451 (e), dated the 19th june, 1992, the central government hereby specifies the types of motor vehicles as mentioned in columns 1 and 2 of the table below for the purpose of said sub-section (4).

TABLE

Transport Vehicle	Non-Transport Vehicle
(i) Motor cycle with side car for carrying goods.	i) Motor cycle with or without side car for personal use.
(ii) Motor cycle with trailer to carry goods.	(ii) Mopeds and motorised cycles (Engine capacity exceeding 25 cc).
(iii) Motor cycle used for hire to carry one passenger on pillion and motorised cycle-rickshaw for goods or passengers on hire.	(iii) Invalid carriage.
(iv) Luxury Cab.	(iv) Three-wheeled vehicles for personal use.
(v) Three wheeled vehicles for transport of passengers/goods.	(v) Motor car.
(vi) Goods carrier trucks or tankers or mail carriers (N1-N3 category).	(vi) Fork lift.
(vii) Power tiller and Tractors using public roads.	(vii) Vehicles or trailers fitted with equipments like rig, generator, compressor.
(viii) Mobile clinic or X-Ray van or library vans.	(viii) Crane mounted vehicle.
(ix) Mobile Workshops.	(ix) Agricultural Tractor and Power Tiller.
(x) Mobile canteens.	(x) Private service vehicle, registered in the name of an individual and if declared to be used by him solely for personal.
(xi) Private Service Vehicle.	(xi) Camper Van or Trailer for private use.

(xii) Public Service Vehicle such as maxi cab, motor cab, stage carriage and contract carriage including tourist vehicles.	(xii) Tow Trucks, Breakdown Van and Recovery Vehicles.
(xiii) Educational Institution buses.	(xiii) Tower Wagons and tree trimming vehicles owned by Central, State and local authorities.
(xiv) Ambulances.	(xiv) Construction Equipment Vehicles as defined in rule 2(ca).*
(xv) Animal Ambulances.	(xv) motor cycle (L1 and L2 category motor vehicles) with luggage box
(xvi) Camper vans or trailers.	(xvi) special purpose vehicle, used for non-commercial purpose and having specific technical features, arrangement and equipment for promotion of activities related to health, education or environmental protection
(xvii) Cash vans.	
(xviii) Fire tenders, snorked ladders, auxiliary trailers and fire fighting vehicles.	
(xix) Articulated vehicles.	
(xx) Hearses.	
(xxi) Omnibus+	

(a) "Ambulance" means vehicle specially designed, constructed or modified and equipped and intended to be used for emergency transportation of persons who are sick, injured, wounded or otherwise incapacitated.

(b) "Animal ambulance" means a motor vehicle intended to be used for the emergency transportation of sick, injured, wounded or otherwise incapacitated animals.

(c) "Camper van" means a special purpose M 1 category vehicle constructed to include living accommodation which contains at least the following equipment:

- Seats and table
- Sleeping accommodation which may be converted for the seats
- Cooking facilities, and
- Storage facilities.

This equipment shall be rigidly fixed to the living compartment; however, the table may be designed to be easily removable.

+ (d) The "Omnibus" has been kept in the category of transport vehicle with a view to bringing it under the purview of fitness regime as it is exhaustively used on road. However, the taxes to be levied on such vehicle would fall within the jurisdiction of State Governments.

* (e) Under rule 2(ca), use of public road by Construction Equipment Vehicles is incidental to the main off-road function. However, when the public road is being used regularly for carrying on commercial activities, then Construction Equipment Vehicles such as dumpers and excavators being used for such activities, shall be deemed as transport vehicles.

1. *Vide* S.O. 1248 (E), dated 5th November, 2004, published in the Gazette of India, Extra., Pt. II, Sec. 3(ii), dated 5th November, 2004.