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NOTE SHEET

This is to appraise your honour that this has a reference to the meeting held on 19th June 2009 in your honour's chamber, attended by all the senior officials from RSTA and the PPD, MoIC, regarding the tonnage/loading capacity of the trucks, including the medium/ heavy category/ 10 wheeler trucks and above. The RSTA till date has been allotting different loading/tonnage capacities for both hill and plain considering the safety aspect. The existing loading capacities as per the schedule -2 of the RST Regulation-1999 are as follows:

Types of vehicle	Loading capacity		Gross Weight
	Hill	Plain	
Trucks (single or double cabin)			
1) Medium	4MT	5 MT	8 MT
2) Heavy	8 MT	10MT	16MT
3) 10 wheeler trucks	10MT	15 MT	25MT

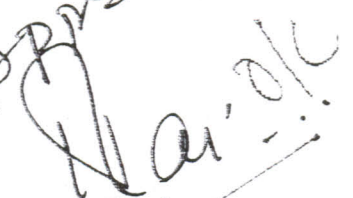
However, it has been felt unanimously that the prescribing of different tonnage/ loading capacities for hill and plain is no longer practical/ viable with the overall improvement in the road condition and economy gaining its momentum. The allotment of loading/ tonnage capacity based on the manufacturing specification (that is keeping uniformity on both hill and plain) would not be technically wrong as it is assumed that the manufacturing company would have taken all the potential pros and cons into consideration. Additionally, making uniformity in allotment of loading/ tonnage capacity for above category of vehicles based on its manufacturing specification would not only ease Authority in prescribing loading/tonnage capacities especially with coming of different brands and models in the market but also give people an opportunity to grow. If kindly approved, the revised loading/ tonnage capacity will be implemented with effect from 1st of July 2009.

Submitted for kind perusal and approval, please.


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Hon'ble Secretary, MoIC

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Approved

 Minister