The following Act of Parliament received the assent of the President on the 19th March, 2015, and is hereby published for general information:—

THE MOTOR VEHICLES (AMENDMENT) ACT, 2015

No. 3 of 2015

[19th March, 2015.]

An Act further to amend the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988.

Be it enacted by Parliament in the Sixty-sixth Year of the Republic of India as follows:—

1. (1) This Act may be called the Motor Vehicles (Amendment) Act, 2015.

(2) It shall be deemed to have come into force on the 7th day of January, 2015.

2. In the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988 (hereinafter referred to as the principal Act), after section 2, the following section shall be inserted, namely:—

‘2A. (1) Save as otherwise provided in the proviso to sub-section (1) of section 7 and sub-section (10) of section 9, the provisions of this Act shall apply to e-cart and e-rickshaw.

(2) For the purposes of this section, “e-cart or e-rickshaw” means a special purpose battery powered vehicle of power not exceeding 4000 watts, having three wheels for carrying goods or passengers, as the case may be, for hire or reward, manufactured, constructed or adapted, equipped and maintained in accordance with such specifications, as may be prescribed in this behalf.’.
3. In the principal Act, in section 7, in sub-section (1), the following proviso shall be inserted, namely:—

“Provided that nothing contained in this sub-section shall apply to an e-cart or e-rickshaw.”.

4. In the principal Act, in section 9, after sub-section (9), the following sub-section shall be inserted, namely:—

“(10) Notwithstanding anything contained in this section, the driving licence to drive e-cart or e-rickshaw shall be issued in such manner and subject to such conditions, as may be prescribed.”.

5. In the principal Act, in section 27,—

(i) clause (a) shall be renumbered as clause (aa) thereof and before clause (aa) as so renumbered, the following clause shall be inserted, namely:—

“(a) specifications relating to e-cart and e-rickshaw under sub-section (2) of section 2A;”;

(ii) after clause (f), the following clause shall be inserted, namely:—

“(ff) the manner and the conditions subject to which the driving licence may be issued under sub-section (10) of section 9;”.

6. (1) The Motor Vehicles (Amendment) Ordinance, 2015, is hereby repealed.

(2) Notwithstanding such repeal, anything done or any action taken under the principal Act, as amended by the said Ordinance, shall be deemed to have been done or taken under the principal Act, as amended by this Act.

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