

MEMORANDUM FOR THE CABINET
BY THE PRIME MINISTER

Impressed Vehicles

Following consideration by Ministers of Memorandum No. 1249 by the Minister of Labour, Employment and Welfare, it was decided in Cabinet on 4th March, 1969 that:-

- a) cartmen who in 1948 had opted to acquire a truck should remain in the service till they reached the age limit. No change in the ownership should be allowed;
- b) those vehicles impressed with or without drivers before 1st July, 1967, should remain so impressed so long as the vehicles remained the property of the present owner;
- c) all vehicles impressed since the 1st July, 1967, should continue to be impressed on a three-month basis;
- d) to ensure uniformity, the Minister of Labour, Employment and Welfare should not only engage motor vehicles for service with the Government but should also terminate their impressment on the expiration of the three months' period.

2. The Minister of Trade, Industry and Agriculture has submitted that in those cases where the ownership of a vehicle which has been impressed with Government for a long time (as at (b) above), has to be changed for very justifiable reasons - such as death of the owner, or his old age which prevents him from driving - it would be most unjust if an application for change of ownership with retention of the vehicle in impressment, were to be refused.

3. Ministers may wish to consider whether, in cases such as the ones mentioned above, the Minister concerned should be empowered to approve or refuse any application for

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such transfers of ownership with retention of the vehicle in impressment, provided that any change of ownership so approved would be conditional to loss of seniority and the new effective date of impressment will be the date of approval of change of ownership, and that such cases will not fall to be governed by the decision as at (c) above, but will continue to be considered as forming part of the list of vehicles "permanently" impressed.

12th December, 1970.