In a crucial step forward, the ministry of road transport and highways today issued order to waive off permit requirement for vehicles carrying oxygen till March 2021 following the COVID-19 pandemic.

The ministry has specified that the provisions of sub-section (1) of the section 66 shall not apply to a transport vehicle, used exclusively for the carriage of oxygen during the period of novel corona virus pandemic, upto March 31, 2021.

The decision has been taken in view of certain issues brought to notice of the ministry about problems being faced by Transport Vehicle operators for the carriage, transportation and delivery of Oxygen Cylinders or Oxygen Tanks across the States or within a State.

Oxygen being an important item required for the treatment of COVID-19, the Ministry has issued a Notification, number SO 3204 (E) dated 21st September 2020 for exemption of Permit requirements as required under Section 66 of the Motor Vehicles Act 1988.

This will ensure smooth movement of this essential commodity, and will further ensure smooth supply of oxygen across the country.

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