AN ACT TO PROHIBIT THE OPERATION OF MOTOR VEHICLES WITH LIQUID PETROLEUM GAS; TO REQUIRE OWNERS OF MOTOR VEHICLES OPERATED WITH KEROSENE OR WITH A MIXTURE OF KEROSENE AND ANY OTHER PETROLEUM PRODUCT TO REGISTER SUCH VEHICLES; TO IMPOSE A TAX ON SUCH VEHICLES; AND TO PROVIDE FOR MATTERS CONNECTED THEREWITH OR INCIDENTAL THERETO.

[4th October, 1979.]
8. Any person who contravenes the provisions of section 2 or section 3 shall be guilty of an offence and shall, on conviction by a Magistrate, be liable to a fine not less than five thousand rupees, notwithstanding that such fine is in excess of the ordinary jurisdiction of such Magistrate.

9. Where, in any proceedings under this Act, any question arises as to whether kerosene or any mixture of kerosene with any other petroleum product has been used for the purpose of operating any motor vehicle, the certificate of any examiner to the effect that he has examined the vehicle and stating the result of his examination, shall be admissible in evidence and shall be sufficient prima facie evidence of any fact or opinion stated therein relating to the matter in question, and the court shall not permit the examiner to be called for cross-examination on the certificate unless contrary evidence is given which appears to the court to be credible, or unless for any reason the court considers such cross-examination to be necessary in the interests of justice.

10. Notwithstanding the preceding provisions of this Act, where the Minister in charge of the subject of Scientific Affairs is satisfied that any person assigned by him to conduct research into the use of liquid petroleum gas, kerosene or any other petroleum product in motor vehicles is conducting such research, he may, with the concurrence of the Minister, authorize in writing, subject to such conditions and restrictions as may be specified therein, such person to use liquid petroleum gas, kerosene or any other petroleum product in motor vehicles in furtherance of such research.

11. In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires—

"examiner", "licensing authority", "lorry", "motor car", "motor vehicle", "Registrar" and "trailer", shall have the same meanings, respectively, as in the Motor Traffic Act; and "petroleum product" means petrol, autodiesel, heavy diesel, furnace oil and aviation turbine fuel.

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**SCHEDULE**

**COLUMN I**

**Class or category of vehicle**

Motor vehicles operated with kerosene or with a mixture of kerosene and any other petroleum product—

(a) where such vehicle is a motor car, the tare of which does not exceed 20 cwt. (1,016 kilograms) . . 600 0

(b) where such vehicle is a motor car, the tare of which is 20 cwt. or exceeds 20 cwt. (1,016 kilograms) . . 1,200 0

(c) where such motor vehicle is a lorry (other than a trailer), the tare of which does not exceed 100 cwt. (5,080 kilograms) . . 1,200 0

(d) where such motor vehicle is a lorry (other than a trailer), the tare of which is 100 cwt. or exceeds 100 cwt. (5,080 kilograms) . . 2,400 0

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