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## FINANCE (INSPECTION NT-F) DEPARTMENT

G. O. (Ms) No. 113/2003/Fin. Dated, Thinvananthapuram, 24th February, 2003.

## ORDER

Government have issued several orders to prevent the misuse of vehicles of Government Departments, Public Sector Undertakings, Local/Autonomous Bodies etc. Even after the issuance of these orders, it has come to the notice of Government that misuse of Government vehicles is on the higher side. In the above circumstances Government issue the following orders/guidelines to curb the misuse of Government vehicles. These Orders will be applicable to all Government Departments including Police, Excise, Forest and Judicial Departments, Semi Government/Public Sector Undertakings/Autonomous/Local Bodies and Co-operative Institutions etc., having any control by Government, with immediate effect.
2. Every vehicle or group of vehicles shall be placed under the charge of a specified controlling officer designated as such by Government/Head of the Department or any other Authority authorised by Government/Head of the Department. The controlling officer shall be an officer of gazetted rank if such an officer is not available where the control is located.
3. The Controlling Officer will be personally responsible for the proper use, care and maintenance of the vehicles under his control.
4. The Controlling Officer shall personally check the inventory of equipments every month and arrange to recover any loss arising out of negligence or fault from the persons concerned. The fuel consumption test of each vehicle under his control shall be conducted once in everv vear.
5. He should report half yearly to his next superior officer-the summary of spenditure incurred on account of fuel, maintenance and repairs of each vef ies under his control with his specific remarks. The supporting billsfouchers should also be furnished along with the report.

- 6. He should ensure that the vehicles are parked at the parking spaces allotted for the vehicles concerned.

7. "The name of Department/lnstitution" to which the official vehicle relates to should be legibly exhibited in front and at the rear of the vehicle in a name board not below the size of 40 cms length and 10 cms width (Red background and white letters in case of Government Departments and sky blue background and blue letters in the case of others.)
8. The name board of the office to which the vehicle relates to should not be concealed or covered or removed in any occasion. Both the driver and the controlling officer of the vehicle are personally responsible to exhibit the name board in the vehicle. Negligence in this regard will be viewed seriously.
9. Use of vehicles:-
(i) All vehicles are intended to be used only for bonafide official purposes within the state including tours of officers who are entitled to use special conveyance and claim higher road mileage.
(ii) The Controlling Officer/the officer performing the journey will be personally responsible to enter the details of places of visit and purpose of the journey in the log book, before the commencement of the joumey. In case where the driver alone commences the journey to pick up an officer, the driver should enter the purpose of journey, place etc., in the $\log$ book before the commencement of the journey.
(iii) Journeys performed with the prior sanction (general or special) of the Government/Head of the Department or any officer authorised in that behalf by Government/Head of the Department on the following occasions may be treated as official. In such cases, a copy of the sanction order permitting the journey should be kept in the vehicle at - the time of using the vehicle., Corresponding entry to that effect quoting the authority should also be made in the log book before the
(a) Journeys performed by officers for attending official parties/receptions c. or which invitations have been extended to them by virtue of their office and which, in their discretion, they decide to attend subject to availability of vehicles.
(b) Journeys performed by non officials who are asked to attend official , meetings in public interest.
(c) Journeys performed when officers have to be picked up from their residence or dropped back in cases when they are required to attend meetings if the meetings have been convened at places outside their normal duty points or outside normal working hours.
(d) Journeys performed in cases of emergency when an officer on being suddenly taken seriously ill or on meeting with an accident while on duty is removed from his office either to a hospital or to his residence.
(e) Journeys performed by Private Secretaries/Personal staff of a Minister from their residence or the residence/office of their Minister in order to receive or see off the Minister if the journeys are untertaken under the instructions of the Minister. An entry to that effect should be made in the log book by the Private Secretary.
(f) Touring Officers not under the administrative control of the Government who come to Thiruvananthapuram or any other place where Government have vehicle may be allowed to use it for the limited purpose of journeys from Airport/Railway Station to place of halt or office.
(g) Touring Officers under the administrative control of Government may also be allowed to use vehicles subject to the condition that the officers concerned will not draw the mileage allowance for such journeys. They should also give a certificate along with their T. A. bill as to whether or not the vehicle was used by them.
(h) Touring Officers of the Government may be allowed at the halting station the free use of vehicles for official work within a radius of 8 kms or the Municipal limits whichever is more distant subject to the condition that the touring officers will not be entitled to exchange daaily allowance for road mileage. As far as possible such touring officers will travel with officers serving at the

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(i) The fuel ceiling introduced vide G. O. (P) No. 233/2002/Fin. dated 17-4-2002 for Secretaries/Heads of Major Departments and those wheare permitted to use vehicles on payment for personal use will continue. Monthly charges prescribed therein should be remitted regularly by the officers, without fail.
(ii) No vehicle shall be exclusively placed at the disposal of the touring officers. All journeys should be properly logged before the commencement of the journey.
10. The use of vehicles without proper entry in the log book before the commencement of the journey shall not be allowed in any occasion to any officer. Such journeys shall be treated as non-duty journeys and action taken accordingly.
11. Vehicles of all officers irrespective of their grade/cadre are liable for surprise inspection by Finance (Inspection-NT) Department or any other agency to whom Government entrust such work.
12. Non-stopping of vehicles for surprise inspection or hesitation to co-operate with such inspection shall be viewed seriously and action taken without obtaining further explanation.
13. The use of official vehicles other than cycle or motor bike for the conveyance of files or tappals between office and residence of any officer is not permissible except in case of emergencies.
14. Officers in receipt of conveyance allowance shall not normally use vehicles for journeys within his local jurisdiction. If he is permitted by a competent authority to use a vehicle for journeys within his jurisdiction proportionate reduction in the monthly rate of conveyance allowance will be made for such journeys.
15. Relatives/friends of officers shall not be permitted to use vehicies. The above condition is applicable also to the vehicles allotted under the orders' of Government for the personal use of a particular officer as part of the terms of his Service or tenure.
16. A Gdvernment vehicle shall-be driven only by the driver allotted to the vehicle. No other person shall be permitted to drive the vehicle except in

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(1) During the testing, servicing and repairs of vehicles by individuals who are authorised to do so.
(2) In an emergency if the driver of the vehicle is not readily available or incapacitated by fatigue of illness or other reasons to manage the vehicle the Controlling Officer or the Govemment Servant travelling in the vehicle and who has a valid licence to drive the particular type of vehicle may drive the vehicle himself or engage another competent person in order to overcome the difficulty.
(3) When any person other than the driver attached to the vehicle has to drive a vehicle under the exceptional conditions mentioned above, a record of the facts and the action taken will immediately be made in the log book.
17. Monthly ceiling of fuel has to be fixed for each and every vehicle taking the average of fuel consumed for the last six months i.e. from April to September.
18. If any vehicle is found misused for any purpose other than those specified in this order and also by officers other than those specified in the list annexed to this order shall attract stringent disciplinary action including recovery of $50 \%$ of the cost of fuel consumed during a month from the Controlling Officer/the Officer found using the vehicle. For this, the month during the calendar year which records the maximum consumption of fucl should be taken into account.
19. Further clarifications, if any, regarding the use of vehicle shall be had from Finance (Inspection-NT) Department.

By order of the Governor,

> V. S. Senthl, Secretary (Finance Expenditure).

To
The Principal Accountant General (Audit), Kerala, Thinvananthapuram.
The Accountant General (A\&E). Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram.
All Principal Secretaries/Secretaries/Special Secretaries to Government.
All Head of Departments/Offices
The Public Relations Department

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## Annexuris

List of officers permitted to use the official vehicles for limited purposes such as journeys between office and residence or from Railway/Bus Station to office and/viseversa. The journey is limited to two trips in a day and the distance as per the provisions of K.S.R.

1. The Principal Secretaries/Sécretaries/Special Secretaries to Government.
2. Commissioners of Commissionerates.
3. The District Collectors.
4. Judicial Officers of and above the rank of District Judges.
5. Police Officers of and above the rank of Commissioner/Superintendent in Home Department.
6. Officers of and above the rank of Conservator of Forest.
7. Registrar of Co-operative Societies.
8. Labour Commissioner.
9. Chief Engineers.
10. All major Heads of Departments.
11. Chief Executives of Public Sector Undertakings, Heads of Autonomous
Bodies, etc.


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FINANCE (INSPECTION-NT-F) DEPARTMENT
C. O. (P) No. 293/2010/Fin. Dated, Thiruvananthapuram, 20th May, 2010.

> Read:-1. G O. (Ms.) No. 113/03/Fin. dated 24-2-2003.
> 2. G O. (P) No. 233/02/Fin. dated 17-4-2002.
> 3. G O. (P) No. $509 / 06 / \mathrm{Fin}$ dated 19-12-2006.
> 4. Circular No. 41/08/Fin. dated 2-8-2008.

## ORDER

Finance Inspection Wing and District Finance Inspection Squads regularly inspect the use of departmental vehicles and recommends to the administrative departments, to take action against the erred officials as and when irregularities are noticed. But majority of the reported cases are peading action even after repeated reminders and this would defeat the very purpose of vehicle inspection aimed to curb vehicle misuse.

In these circumstances with a view to curbing the misuse of department vehicles and to make the inspection on the use of departmental vehicles more effective, Government have decided to strengthen Finance Inspection Wing and District Finance Inspection Squads by enforcing the following immediate measures:---
(i) The Finance Inspection Wing and District Finance Inspection Squads will conduct inspection on the misuse of vehicles every month.
(ii) The Finance Inspection Wing and District Finance Inspection Squads will submit a separate monthly report on vehicle inspection and its follow up action.

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(iii) A quarterly review of the Finance Inspection Wing and District Finance Inspection Squads will be conducted on the inspection on the misuse of departmental vehicles and its follow up action.
(iv) Finance Inspection Wing will give necessary directions directly to the Heads of Departments to ensure disciplinary action against recoveries from the officers who misused the departmental vehicles under intimation to the administrative department.

This shall have immediate effect.
By order of the Govemor,

> L. C. Goyal
> Additional Chief Secretary (Finance)

To
The Accountant General (Accounts \& Entitlements), Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram.
The Principal Accountant General (Audit), Kerala, Thinuvananthapuram.

## All Heads of Departments.

All Departments and Sections of the Secretariat.
The General Administration (SC) Department.
The Secretary, Kerala State Electricity Board, Thiruvananthapuram.
The Registrar, University of Kerala/Kochi/Kozhikode/Kannur/Kottayam (with C. L.).
The Registrar, Kerala Agricultural University, Thrissur (with C. L.).
The General Manager, Kerala State Road Transport Corporation, Thinuvananthapuram (with C. L.).
The Registrar of High Court, Ernakulam (with C. L.).
All Secretaries; Additional Secretaries, Joint Secretaries, Deputy Secretaries and Under Secretaries to Government.
The Secretary to Governor.
The Private Secretaries to the Chief Minister and other Ministers.
The Private Secretaries to the Leader of Opposition and Government Chief Whip.
The Under Secretary to the Chief Secretary.
The Registrar, Sanskrit University, Kalady (with C. L.).

# Abstract <br> GAD. Estt-Introduction of a new category in State Government Service called "Driver-cum-Office Attendant" and fixing of new norms regarding the purchase and use of vehicles in Government and Government agencies - sanction accorded- Orders issued: 

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION (SERVICES - C) DEPARTMENT
G.O.(Ms) No. 72/2013/GAD. Dated, Thiruvananthapuram, $14 / 03 / 2013$.

Read: Judgment dated: 26/06/2012 of the Hon'ble High Court in WA No. 505/2011 filed by Sri. Unni Jose K Joy

## ORDER

In the Judgment read above, dismissing the W A No.505/2011 filed by Sri.Uni Jose K Joy against judgment dated: 18/03/2011 in WP (c) NO.17244/2010, the Hon'ble High Court has concluded that it is high time Government should consider the requirement of Drivers in every office to drive light vehicles because vehicles are given for the use by Officers, they could be made to drive, more so when modern vehicles provide better comforts in the driver seat and in the other front seat. Most of the drivers are effectively employed only for half an hour to one hour a day and all the remaining time they will be sitting idle. Therefore there will be nothing wrong in combining the post of driver with that of peon so that unnecessary expenditure in retaining two posts could be avoided.
2. The Hon'ble High Court has also directed the Chief Secretary to Government to take policy decision with regard to the necessity of providing vehicles to Government Servants because if vehicle allowance is given, everybody otherwise owning and using private vehicles could be allowed to use their vehicles for official use also and get compensatory allowance. Secondiy, in the era of hi-tech vehicles providing comfort in the driver seat, P.T.O
:nere will be nothing wrong in Government asking the officers, : atleast upto a level to drive the vehicies by themseives which is done in all advanced countries. Lastly, the court has suggested that policy decision should be taken with regard to the type and level of functionaries in Government and in autonomous bodies funded by the Government, who are entitied to chauffer driven cars. Finally, the Court has also directed the Chief Secretary to place the recommendations before the Cabinet for evolving new policies on ali these matters and for implementation of the same.
3. In this regard, a committee comprising the Chief Secretary, Additional Chief Secretary, Personnel \& Administrative Reforms Department, Principal Secretary, Finance Department and Secretary, General Admiṇistration Department after several deliberations have recommended that a new category of Driver-cum-Office Attendant be introduced, qualification for the same be prescribed and all future recruitments of drivers be made in the new category called "Driver-cum-Office Attendant".
4. The committee also recommended the following with regard to purchase and use of vehicles in Government, Government agencies, autonomous bodies, Statutory agencies, Public Sector undertakings, Cooperative bodies etc.
i) Except for senior officers of the rank of Special Secretary and above and Heads of Departments in Government and except in Departments where officers use uniforms(Police, Excise, Forest, Jail and Motor Vehicle); only hired cars will be used. Hiring cars without drivers will also be encouraged, so long as surplus driver posts exist. This will apply to Government agencies etc also. If any such agency requires exemption, Cabinet approval will be taken.i
ii) Vehicles costing less than Rs. 8 lakhs alone will be purchased. For purchase of high end cars (costing more than Rs. 8 lakhs), approval of the Cabinet will be required.
iii) Whenever new vehicles are purchased to replace old ones, which will be condemned, there will be a condition that after the new vehicle hits the
road, the condemned vehicle will not be allowed to run. If the vehicle to be condemned is used after purchase of a new vehicle, the cost @ Rs. 10/- per Km will be recovered from the Head of the Office to which the old vehicle is attached.
5. The recommendations of the committee was examined in detail by the Government and the following orders are issued in the matter
i) A new category named 'Driver-cum-office Attendant' will be introduced in State Government Service for which separate qualification will be prescribed and all future recruitment of driver be made in the new category called "Driver-Cum-Office Attendant"
ii) Except for Senior Officers of the rank of Special Secretary and above, the Heads of Department in Government and Officers in uniforms (Police, Excise, Forest, Jail and Motor Vehicle etc), only hired cars shall be used and that hiring cars without drivers shall be encouraged so long as surplus driver posts exist and this will be applied to Government agencies also and if any such agency requires exemption, Cabinet approval shall be taken.
iii) Only vehicles costing less than Rs. 10 lakh shall be purchased in Government and for the purchase of vehicles costing more than Rs. 10 lakh, prior approval of the Cabinet shall be required
iv) Whenever new vehicles are purchased to replace the old ones which are to be condemned, the condemned vehicle shall not be allowed to run after the new vehicle hits the road and it shall be disposed off within 6 months either by auction or following other approved procedures. If the vehicle to be condemned is used after the purchase of a new vehicle, the cost @Rs. 10 per Km shall be recovered from the Head of the Office to which the old vehicle is attached.
v) The committee constituted under the Chairmanship of Chief Secretary, will be convened forthwith and shall submit definite guidelines with regard to the speedy disposal of unservicable articles and seized/confiscated vehicles lying idle in Police and other departments.
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6. The Judgment of the Hon'ble High Cont read above is complied with accordingly.

## BY ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR K.R JYOTHILAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

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The Secretary Kerala Legislature Secretariat
All Heads of Departments
All District Collectors
The Principal Accountant General (Audit), Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram
The Accountant General (A \& E), Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram
The Advocate General, Ernakulam/Thirivananthapuram Branch (with $\mathrm{C} / \mathrm{L}$ )
The Registrar, Kerala High Court (with C/L)
The Secretary, Kerala Public Service Commission; Thituvananthapuram (with Cll)
The Secretary to Governor; Kerala Raj Bhevan, Thiruvananthapuram (with $\mathrm{C} / \mathrm{L}$ )
The Registrar, Kerala Administrative Tribunal, Thiruvananthapuram (with C/L)
The State Chief Information Commissioner, (with C/L)
All Additional Chief. Secretaries/Principal Secretarjes/Secretaries/Special Secretaries/Additional Secretaries/Joint Secretaries/Deputy Secretaries/Under Secretaries to Government
The Additional Secretary to Chief Secretary
The Registrar, All Universities (with C/L)
The Private Secretary to Speaker / the Private Secretary to Deputy Speaker of the Legislative Assembly
The Private Secretary to Chief Minister and all other Ministers
The Private Secretary to Government Chief Whip
The Private Secretary to the Leader of Opposition
The Heads of all Public Sector Undertakings
The Heads of all Co-operative instifutions
The Heads of all autonomous bodies and other Semi-Government institutions
The Agriculture (Farms) Department (vide UO (F) No. $11463 / \mathrm{AF} 2 / 2011 / \mathrm{AD}$ )
The Finance (Expenditure-B) Department (vide G.O (MS) No,223/12/Fin dated: 17/04/2012)
The Personnel and Administrative Reforms Department
The Home Department
The General Administration (SC) Department (vide itern NO..... dated: ..........)
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