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Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram

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Sub:- Prevention of Traffic accidents - Instructions issued - Reg -

Ref:- 1. PHQ Circular No. 05/2012 Dated 18.03.2012

2. PHQ Circular No. 06/2012 Dated 28.03.2012

3. PHQ Circular No. 11/2013 Dated 09.05.2013

Kind attention is invited to the subject and references cited.

It is a matter of grave concern that deaths in Road Traffic Accidents have increased considerably from January 2013 to May 2013 compared to the previous years during the same period. Around 1900 persons have already died in accidents in this period. There were 15717 accidents in total during the period, leaving around 17000 people grievously injured. It is necessary to take effective measures to bring down the accident related deaths and occurrence of accidents in general.

It is noticed that large number of accidents are caused by drunken driving. In this connection, detailed instructions have been issued vide Circular No. 05/2012 for curbing the incidents of Drunken Driving. The instructions in the Circular should be diligently followed.

It is noticed that the accidents involving two wheelers are very high (17116). Lorries and Private buses are also seen involved in a large number of accidents (1299 and 1369 respectively). In order to reduce accident deaths involving two wheelers, rules relating to wearing of helmet are to be strictly enforced. Similarly, it is to be ensured that permits to Lorries and Private Buses are being issued/renewed by MV Department in compliance with the relevant rules and procedures. Any lapses in this regard are to be brought to the notice of the MV Department for action against the officials concerned.

Rash driving is the biggest reason for causing accidents (15109). In order to prevent rash driving, speed limits prescribed are to be strictly enforced. Modern equipments have already been provided for speed checking to all Districts. Legal

Action under IPC as well as MV Act and Rules is to be taken against drivers found over speeding and rashly driving vehicles.

It is also noticed that a large number of accidents take place in State Highways and perhaps even in Panchayat Roads. Therefore it is important to cover Panchayat and town roads also for vehicle checking, besides the National and State Highways.

Awareness campaigns for safe Driving, observance of MV Rules are to be organized in all Districts. Help of NGOs and public spirited groups can be solicited for the purpose.

However, complaints of harassment or misbehaviour are to be avoided while conducting vehicle checking as even a single such instance can derail the efforts of Police Department to reduce accidents. As far as practicable, the MV checking drives should be Videographed and latest equipments for detection of MV offences should be utilized. In this connection, instructions issued vide Circular No. 06/2012 and Circular No. 11/2013 dated 09.05.2013 are to be strictly followed.

All DPCs should diligently comply with the above instructions and make all out efforts to reduce accident deaths as also vehicle accidents in general. Monthly reports on the action taken as per above guidelines to reduce accidents and deaths due to accidents should be sent by 10th of the next month to IGP Traffic & RSM.


State Police Chief 6/7/13

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