Circular No. 11/2013

Sub: Ensuring of Video Coverage for Police Traffic Checking – Instructions issued – reg.

Traffic monitoring is the primary task of the Police. In discharge of these duties, the Police Officers are expected to conduct traffic checking at various points on the National Highway, State Highways and on important traffic points to ensure that the drivers follow all the traffic rules and regulations. The defaulters, who are caught violating traffic rules are fined or given a challan based on the quantum of the offence. But in recent times, it is seen that this lawful duty of the Police has been distorted by various sections of the public and media to give an impression that the Police is harassing public indulging in corruption and inhumanly hunting down people who are not wearing Helmets/ Seat Belts etc. This has led to various law and order problems and even rioting in some occasions.

Traffic checking is a lawful duty of the Police to ensure order and safety on the roads and so we cannot desist from our duties. A lot of incidents that are being reported presently in connection with traffic accidents, can be countered if a proper video coverage is done of the whole traffic checking exercise itself. All the Circle Inspectors and most of the Police Stations have been supplied with video cameras. Hence from now on, it will be ensured that Traffic checking is conducted under video coverage and all activities involving stopping of vehicles, fining etc. in the traffic checking, is covered by the Video, which can be later used to defend our actions. All such video recordings should be preserved, for one month, in normal circumstances. Where video recording is not possible due to practical problems/ emergency requirements, traffic checking should be done in a transparently open manner.

Ensure strict compliance.

State Police Chief

To

All Officers in list 'B'

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