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**Sub: Kerala Police - Converting existing Traffic Units/Police Stations to Traffic Enforcement Units (TEU) and transferring Investigation of Traffic Accident Cases from Traffic Units/Police Stations to Local Police Stations – Detailed instructions - Reg.**

**Ref:** (1) G.O. (Ms) No. 116/2018/Home dated 14/07/2018.  
(2) Executive Directive No. 26/2018 dtd 31/05/2018.

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The alarming increase in number of vehicles, high density of population, narrow and congested roads etc. make Kerala, one of the top accident prone States in the country. Nearly 40,000 accidents are occurring in the State every year, of which about 4,000 cases are fatal cases. To tackle emerging challenges, new paradigms to improve overall Traffic Management, is highly essential. On a deeper study of the existing system, the Police Department has found that, the Traffic Police are burdened with tasks like Investigation of Road Accidents cases, Charge sheeting of cases, following up of cases in the Courts, subsequent MACT procedures etc, which drastically cuts into the effective strength of Traffic Police. The Traffic Wing does not have enough strength and time to pay proper attention to Traffic Control and Road Safety. Hence it is quite imperative to equip the departmental machinery in such a manner, and to meet the requirements of the modern times, so as to extend utmost attention to Road Safety activities. Considering the socio economic implications and public interest with regard to Road Safety, the State Police has decided to give prioritized attention to this aspect. In this regard, to strengthen and re-engineer existing Traffic Police Stations and Traffic Units, the State Government has given Administrative Sanction as per the reference cited first, to convert them as Traffic Enforcement Units. Hence, all the existing Traffic Police Stations and Traffic Units in the State are hereafter rechristened as "Traffic Enforcement Units" (TEU).



**For the smooth functioning of the Traffic Enforcement Units (TEU), the following guidelines are issued, for strict compliance:**

- 1) All the District Police Chiefs should take necessary action for converting the existing Traffic Police Stations/Traffic Units to 'Traffic Enforcement Units' with effect from **01/09/2018**.
- 2) The head of a Traffic Enforcement Unit shall be the SHO of the existing Traffic Police Station.
- 3) District Police Chief's should ensure that the Police Personnel posted at the Traffic Enforcement Units acquire specialization in Traffic Regulations and Enforcements, through regular training.
- 4) All the Traffic accident cases shall be henceforth registered at the concerned Local Police Stations, under territorial jurisdictions, with effect from 01/09/2018. Duties pertaining to the Investigation, Charge Sheetting, follow up of trial, providing documents to MACT etc. of accident cases, will be henceforth done by the Local Police, in the respective jurisdictions of the concerned Police Station. SI - Law & Order in a Police Station will be in-charge of investigation of accident cases.
- 5) Local Police Station staff may properly be trained so that they are able to perform responsibilities of the first responders in rescue, removal, traffic calming and other initial measures including first aid, wherever necessary, in major accident situations.
- 6) The DPC's should ensure that Local Police Stations enter the Traffic Crime Data in the GIS portal with Latitude, Longitude details for storage and analysis.
- 7) The DPC's should take necessary action to re-distribute material resources such as Cranes, Videography, Photography equipment's and other equipment's used in accident sites for investigation, which are presently with the Traffic Police Stations/ Units to Local Police Stations.
- 8) Traffic Enforcement Units shall register and investigate Suo motu cases only (184 & 185 M.V Act Cases) and also hold the powers to detect MV petty cases, Compound Fines, Issuing Charge Sheets in Petty cases etc.
- 9) Even though Traffic Accident cases are transferred from Traffic Police to Local Police, the Traffic Police Personnel should attend to reach the scene of Road Accidents immediately, guard the scene of crime, render first aid and shift the injured to the hospitals without any delay. The same should be intimated to Local Police and assistance in the preparation of FIR/Accident Reports, should also be provided, wherever required.



- 10) The cases that have already been registered at the existing Traffic Police Stations will continue to be investigated by them and their records and follow-up in the courts, will be done from the concerned Traffic Enforcement Units.
- 11) All new cases only should be registered and handled by the Local Police Stations. (w.e.f. 01/09/2018)
- 12) The Local Police Stations will inform this arrangement to the respective Courts and if required, separate orders on change in Jurisdiction as Court, should be obtained immediately, after addressing the District Judge of the concerned districts. This call has to be taken by DPC's.
- 13) The Local Station will ensure that they do not go into a mode of giving low priority to accident cases. In all such cases, immediate action should be taken to release the vehicles to registered owners, after proper AMVI checks and the cases also should be disposed on merits, without any undue delay.
- 14) Summons / Warrants / LP Warrants related to accident cases shall be transferred to respective Local Police Stations from the Traffic Enforcement Units, henceforth.
- 15) The Service of the Traffic Police Personnel should be used for the Traffic Regulation and Enforcement purpose only, which would mean that the Investigation Wing in a Traffic Station will cease to exist and they would all be deployed for Traffic Enforcement Duty.
- 16) The Traffic Enforcement Units should focus on Traffic Point duties, manning Mobile Patrols (and Highway Patrols), Enforcement of MV Act and Rules and other notifications, removing obstructions for smooth traffic flow, enforcement of traffic discipline, organizing traffic diversions whenever necessary, upkeep and maintenance of all traffic equipment's, maintenance of prescribed records, etc.
- 17) Traffic Enforcement Units should provide special attention near schools and for the Women / Children / Senior Citizens / handicapped persons at road crossings etc.
- 18) Traffic Enforcement Units shall organize Road Safety Education, Awareness Drives, Training for drivers, road users, public, students and other stake holders, to ensure better road safety.
- 19) The Traffic Enforcement Units shall give utmost priority to Traffic Safety and implementation of the Kerala Police Traffic Accident Reduction Plan.



It should be remembered that the spirit behind the Government Order is to free the Traffic Enforcement Units, from the burden of investigation and to use the released manpower, on the roads, for better Traffic Enforcement. All DPC's shall inculcate the spirit of the Order and ensure that all the above directions are strictly implemented to ensure better Traffic Discipline and Enforcement, on Kerala Roads.

Let better traffic management happen in our State. We have to reduce the number of accidents and make our roads safer.



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**All Unit Heads**

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