

Circular No. 35 / 2010

Sub: Driving of Departmental Vehicle-Authorization- Reg.

- Ref:** 1. PSO No: 653(23) (Kerala Police Manual, Vol. III, Chapter VII)
2. Circular No:5/90 dated 09/02/90
3. ED No.13/2002 dated 18/7/02

As per the Police Standing Orders cited first, "No person other than the authorized driver or cleaner should drive the vehicle, without the express permission of the Superintendent of Police or other higher authority, and such permission shall not be granted save for exceptionally pressing reasons". This stipulation has been relaxed permitting Sub Inspectors of Police (in the Police Stations) to drive the Station jeeps whenever the posted driver is not available, in reference third cited.

The fleet strength of Kerala Police today stands at 5254 while the sanctioned strength of drivers is only 2417. The addition to the fleet strength has enhanced efficiency. But the shortage of regular drivers has created operational problems.

Most police personnel in Kerala possess driving skills, and have valid licences. In addition, recent entrants have been trained in driving and obtain valid licences prior to the culmination of their training. Driving is part of the training curriculum.

It is therefore decided to permit all police personnel in possession of a valid driving licence, and having requisite driving skills, to drive departmental vehicles excluding heavy and medium vehicles subject to permission being granted in writing by the immediate supervisory officer. Such persons should preferably be persons to whom the vehicle is given for the purpose of performance of some duty – for e.g. a Janamaithri beat officer for doing his beat duty; a tapal duty PC for performing tapal duty; a member of the patrolling group for doing patrolling duty etc. Any persons so authorised will have the duties and responsibilities expected from a regular driver, for the period and times for which he is driving the assigned vehicles. This permission is to be granted by the supervisory officer, after being personally satisfied that such police personnel are competent to drive. The authorisation must also specify the vehicle/vehicles with registration numbers which they are authorised to drive and the period for which the authorisation is valid. A copy of the order so issued must be given to the Superintendent of Police of the unit as well as to the MTSI or MTI of the unit as the case may be.

However, non- regular drivers, authorised as above, will not be authorised to drive vehicles performing pilot or escort or VIP Security duties or long distance journeys.


Director General of Police
Kerala

To

All Officers in List 'B'.

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