

POLICE CIRCULAR ORDER No. 184

Prevention
of indiscriminate
use of light
Police Transport

It has been observed that Government vehicles supplied to different Police establishments, subdivisions, circles and posts, particularly light vehicles such as jeeps, pick-ups, land-rovers, etc., are being used indiscriminately and in violation of the purposes for which they have been supplied and as a result, not only the cost of P.O.L. is becoming prohibitive, but the life period of the vehicles is shortened due to constant and rough use. The Officer in whose charge any such vehicle has been or is being placed, is reminded that the Government have supplied the vehicles and permitted for their use at public cost not for all the movement, but solely for public purposes and on public interest. The vehicles are meant to be used only in an emergency for speedy movement for purposes pertaining to law and order and case matters when such movement are considered necessary and not for all and every movement of the officer or officers concerned. There are numerous instances where it has been observed that for long journeys the officers use their own vehicles for the purpose of T.A. but for shorter journeys within 5 miles and in urban areas, where no T.A. is permissible, they use Government vehicles for all their movements. Even after going to a Police post where a Government vehicle has been provided, the officers leave their own cars and perform all short journeys by Government vehicles. Government vehicles are also being used for attending office. Such use of vehicles is not at all permissible. Though use of Government vehicles for such journeys is not prohibited they can be used under circumstances when exigencies of the duty require it, but this cannot be done for the purpose of avoiding the cost of propulsion of their own vehicles.

In order to enable the inspecting and supervising officers to keep a proper check about the propriety or otherwise of the use of Government vehicles, the officers under whose charge a light vehicle is placed should besides maintaining the car diary, meticulously correctly, maintain another diary in the following form :—

Date	Vehicle No.	Name of driver	Date	Officer who used	From	To	Total Kilometers covered
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8

Purpose of journey i.e.,..... whether for Law and order or for case matters.	Reference of station diary/personal diary/tour diary/tour notes/other registers or reports where the purposes of the movements have been noted.	Initial of the officer who used the vehicle	Remarks
9	10	11	12

This diary should be treated as a confidential document and should not be shown to any person other than the inspecting or supervising officer or anyone duly authorised by them in writing. It must be written from day to day and each complete journey must be entered immediately after its performance. Each diary, when completed shall be preserved in the personal custody of the officer concerned for a period of two years thereafter and then destroyed after obtaining the order of the immediate superior officer and in his presence.

Though withdrawal of the vehicles from the posts to which they have been supplied may be one of the means to obviate their indiscriminate misuse, such extreme step will be otherwise detrimental to the efficient performance of police duties in emergencies for which purposes they have been provided. If and when any instance of indiscriminate and misuse of the vehicle comes to notice not only the cost of mileage at Government rates will be recovered but disciplinary action shall also be taken.

I, sincerely expected that all officers will realise the position in its proper perspective and ensure proper use of the vehicles. The position will be assessed during each quarter and I do hope that I will have no occasion to draw the attention of or take action against any officer on this score.