

POLICE CIRCULAR ORDER No. 56

The petrol consumption of police motor transport has increased tremendously in the recent past. Unless this is checked right now, very soon we may have to exceed out M.T. grant and attract adverse criticism from the Government. A careful scrutiny of the monthly statements indicate that this is partly due to keeping old vehicles on the road and partly due to want of system of rigid check on petrol consumption in the districts/establishments. While enclosing a chart indicating average petrol consumption per vehicle, type by type, I would like the districts and establishments to insist on keeping down the petrol consumption as indicated below :—

Fixation of
basic
minimum
petrol
consumption

(1) Not more than 4 gallons per vehicle should be allowed for garage starting, daily and weekly maintenance, and keeping the batteries on charge.

(2) At the termination of various trips on duty the Sergeant and Sergeant-Major in charge of petrol should not only check on the petrol consumption made but should investigate and report to the Superintendent of Police the cause of heavier consumption as compared with the chart quoted above.

(3) Before or during the monthly inspection the Superintendent of Police must satisfy himself about the M.P.G., and report about the vehicles found heavy on petrol or lubricants (either in the monthly report or send a separate report to this office and P.M.T.)

(4) Ordinarily the total petrol consumption should not be allowed to exceed 50 gallons per month for II class districts and 100 gallons in the I class districts (i.e., Cuttack, Koraput, Ganjam, Sambalpur and Puri). Any excess consumption should be fully explained in the monthly report.

If on scrutiny any district is found to have exceeded the limit unreasonably I will be constrained to consider the advisability of recoveries from officers or driving staff concerned. All S.Ps. are, therefore, requested to insist on close observance of rules 3 and 10 of P.M., Appendix 76 and firmly fixing the responsibility for misuse in each case.

Motor vehicles being the most valuable equipment on their charge, S.Ps. shall make remarks about the motor maintenance ability of Sergeant-Majors and Sergeants in their C.C. Rolls henceforward.

PETROL CONSUMPTION PER VEHICLE, TYPE BY TYPE

Jeep (New)	..	21	miles per gallon
Jeep (Reconditioned)	..	16—18	Ditto
Chev. 15 Cwt. (New)	..	18—20	Ditto
Chev. 15 Cwt. (Snubnose)	..	14	Ditto
Chev. 15 Cwt. (Leongnose)	..	16	Ditto

Ford 15 Cwt.	..	12	miles per gallon
Dodge Station Wagon	..	14	Ditto
Chev. Station Wagon	..	16	Ditto
Ford Pickup	..	14	Ditto
W/Carrier/Rec. Car	..	12	Ditto
6x6 Personnel carrier	..	8	Ditto
Dodge 5 ton	..	6	Ditto
Ford 3 ton	..	10	Ditto
Chev. 3 ton	..	12	Ditto
Targo/Dodge 3 ton	..	12	Ditto
Chev. Pickup	..	15	Ditto
Ariel M. Cycle	..	50	Ditto
Matchlers M. Cycle	..	50	Ditto
Truimph M. Cycle	..	55	Ditto
Norton M. Cycle	..	40	Ditto

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