

CIRCULAR NO.09/2007

Sub: - Motor Vehicles - Improper follow up action in the Local Audit Reports - Avoidance of delay in Furnishing 'Action Taken Reports on the audit Observations -Instructions issued -.

A scrutiny of the Local Audit Reports outstanding in the Motor Vehicles Department shows that a good number of paragraphs' included therein are subsequently raised as 'Draft Paragraphs' by the Accountant General, since they are not answered within the specified time. When such unsettled 'Draft Paragraphs' are included in the report of the Comptroller and auditor General of India, the same will be known as 'Audit Paragraphs'.

The settlement of the audit Paragraphs will be made only after the replies to such paragraphs are considered and agreed to by the Public Accounts Committee. Due to the improper follow up action on the audit observations, included in the Local Audit Reports by the Regional Transport Officers and Joint Regional Transport Officers, most of the major paragraphs will be raised as 'Draft Paragraphs' and then as 'Audit Paragraphs'. The undue delay caused by the office heads in taking action on the lapses and omissions pointed out by the Audit will result in the non collection of the amounts due to the State exchequer and will lead to the adverse comments by the Public Accounts Committee.

While sorting out the reasons for the delay in furnishing satisfactory replies to the audit remarks, it can be seen that the office heads are not giving due importance to the Local Audit Reports received by them from the Accountant General, from time to time. The work to deal with the LARs is generally found entrusted with the junior most Clerks in the Office. Since they are inexperienced in dealing with the Departmental subjects, their contribution in the replies to audit remarks will be impertinent and improper. The Head of Offices will spare no time to look into the lapses and errors committed by the office during the past years and to furnish remedial measures thereon, in time.

The file maintained in the Head Office evidences that the office heads are least bothered about the disposal of the audit observations, especially the 'Draft Paras' and 'Audit Paras', which are having huge monetary involvements. About 120 files pertaining to the period from 1991 to 2006, which contain Draft paragraphs/Audit Paragraphs, are available at the Head Office, awaiting final replies from the Regional Transport Officers, Joint Regional Transport officers so as to furnish the Action Taken Reports to the Accountant General, through the Government. As this is the position, the senior officers who attend the Audit Monitoring Committee and Public Accounts Committee meetings are being criticized severely.

All the Regional Transport Officers and Joint Regional Transport Officers of Sub RT Offices are therefore directed to entrust the work of dealing the LAR files with the senior Clerks, duly undertaking their supervision by themselves. So also responsibility to locate the vehicles in respect of which tax arrears, balance fees etc.,

were pointed out by the Audit, will be entrusted with the Circle Officer concerned for the early realization of such dues and to furnish the same to the Accountant General in time. The Zonal Deputy Transport Commissioners will ensure that the office orders in their subordinate offices are altered in accordance with the above direction and report the result within a month positively. No office will be exempted from implementing the said directions.

Receipt of the Circular should be acknowledged.

Sd/-
Transport Commissioner