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Sub: Traffic safety – Wearing of Headgear/Helmet by two wheeler riders –
Creation of awareness – Instructions issued – Reg.

In Kerala, around 4000 lives are lost and around 40000 people suffer injuries every year in road accidents. Out of these, around 1000 death (25% of the total accident deaths) and injuries to 12000 persons (30% of the total) are caused by two wheeler accidents.

The Hon'ble High Court of Kerala, vide judgment dated 7.8.2003 in OP No.21296 of 2000 had ordered to strictly enforce the provisions of Motor Vehicles Act which mandates the compulsory wearing of protective Headgear/Helmet. In accordance to the above judgment, the Police and Motor Vehicles Departments are strictly enforcing the usage of helmet by the two wheelers. This has brought down death rate and the head injuries considerably. Lack of awareness about the advantages of wearing helmet while driving two wheelers is the main hazard in enforcing this law in the State.

As most of the two wheeler riders are employees of the Central/State Government/Public Sector Undertakings/Board, creating awareness among them about the wearing of Headgear/Helmet has a great impact in enforcing this law.

In the circumstances, the Heads of Departments of all Central/State Government Departments/Public Sector Undertakings/Boards are requested to insist their employees to wear Headgear/Helmets while driving two wheelers.

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To

All Heads of Departments of all Central/State Government Departments/Public Sector Undertakings/Boards
All Departments (Sections) in the Secretariat including Law and Finance.
The Information and Public Relations Department

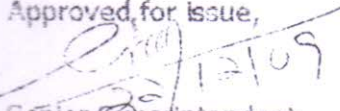
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For Transport Commissioner

Approved for issue,


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