# Proceedings of the Road Safety Commissioner Kerala Road Safety Authority, Thiruvananthapuram

### (Present: Shri. Rishi Raj Singh, IPS)

Sub: - Kerala Road Safety Authority- Ownership of Traffic Signals-Entrusting the responsibility to Police Department-Orders issued. Ref: - Decision of the 19<sup>th</sup> meeting of Kerala Road Safety Authority.

### ORDER No: A2/418/KRSA/2013, Dated: 11/12/2013

The 17<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Executive Committee of Kerala Road Safety Authority discussed the issue of ownership of traffic signals in the State, since there exists ambiguity about the ownership and responsibility for upkeep and maintenance of them. Several agencies like PWD, Local Self Governments, Police, Kerala Road Safety Authority, Motor Vehicles Department etc are installing the Signal Lights indiscriminately. But the operation, maintenance and repairs are not being taken care of primarily due to the ambiguity regarding responsibility and ownership. This results in under utilization of the investment. Though Industries Department had earlier expressed willingness to maintain the Traffic Signals in the State, they have not furnished a convincing proposal for the same.

In the above circumstances the 19<sup>th</sup> meeting of Kerala Road Safety Authority held on 06/11/13 has discussed the issue and decided to entrust the ownership of Traffic Signals at various Junctions across the State to Police Department. Henceforth the maintenance and repair of Traffic Signal Systems across the State will be done by the Police Department. The Inspector General of Police (Traffic & Road Safety Management) will supervise the maintenance & repair of the Signal Systems. All

Departments/Agencies concerned will contact the Inspector General of Police (Traffic & Road Safety Management) for future guidance in this regard.

Sd/-

Road Safety Commissioner

To

- 1. The Accountant General (Audit) Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram.
- 2. The Additional Chief Secretary, Home Department, Government Secretariat, Thiruvananthapuram.
- 3. The Principal Secretary, LSGD, Government Secretariat, Thiruvananthapuram.
- 4. The State Police Chief, Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram.
- 5. The Director of Municipal Administration, Thiruvananthapuram.
- 6. The Director of Panchayats, Thiruvananthapuram.
- 7. The Inspector General of Police (Traffic & Road Safety Management), Police Headquarters, Thiruvananthapuram.
- 8. The Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, (R&B), Thiruvananthapuram.
- 9. The Chief Engineer, Public Works Department (NH), Thiruvananthapuram.
- 10. All District Collectors, (Chairman, District Road Safety Councils)
- 11. The Chief Executives of, KSTP/KRFB/TRDCL/KELTRON
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Accounts officer

## <u>Proceedings of the Road Safety Commissioner</u> Kerala Road Safety Authority, Thiruvananthapuram

### (Present: Shri. Rishi Raj Singh, IPS)

- Sub: Kerala Road Safety Authority- Instillation of Traffic Signals-Prior permission from District Road Safety Councils- Orders issued.
- Ref: 1. Decision of the 19<sup>th</sup> meeting of Kerala Road Safety Authority 2. Govt. Circular No: 53113/DC3/2012/LSGD, Dated: 18/09/12

### ORDER No: A2/94/KRSA/2013, Dated: 11/12/2013

The traffic signal lights are being installed mainly by KELTRON in National Highways, State Highways and major junctions in the State. Several agencies like Kerala Road Fund Board (KRFB), Kerala State Transport Project (KSTP), Trivandrum Road Development Company Limited (TRDCL) Local bodies, Police Department etc. are also installing signal lights. It is noticed that a lot of signal lights are installed unscientifically affecting smooth movement of vehicles. The issue was discussed in the earlier meetings of the Authority and as per Government Circular under reference cited 2<sup>nd</sup> above instructions were issued to all Local Self Government Institutions to consult and get permission from District Road Safety Councils before installing Signal lights.

The issue was again discussed in the 19<sup>th</sup> meting of Kerala Road Safety Authority held on 06.11.13 and decided that the Departments/Agencies Viz. Public Works Department, Police, Motor Vehicles Department, KELTRON, KRFB, KSTP, TRDCL etc. should consult District Road Safety Councils and get the approval before installing traffic signal lights and the District Road Safety Councils shall verify the feasibility and necessity before granting permission.

In the above circumstances all the concerned are hereby directed to adhere the above instructions strictly and the District Road Safety Councils concerned will ensure that the Traffic Signals are installed only with the permission from them.

> Sd/-Road Safety Commissioner

To

- 1. The Accountant General (Audit) Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram.
- 2. The Principal Secretary, Home Department, Government Secretariat, Thiruvananthapuram.
- 3. The Principal Secretary, LSGD, Government Secretariat, Thiruvananthapuram.
- 4. The Secretary, Transport (D) Department, Government Secretariat, Thiruvananthapuram.
- 5. The Secretary, Public Works Department, Government Secretariat, Thiruvananthapuram.
- 6. The State Police Chief, Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram.
- 7. The Transport Commissioner, Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram.
- 8. The Chief Engineer, Public Works Department (R&B), Thiruvananthapuram.
- 9. The Chief Engineer, Public Works Department (NH), Thiruvananthapuram
- 10. All District Road Safety Councils
- 11. The Project Director, KSTP, Thiruvananthapuram.
- 12. The Chief Engineer, KRFB, Thiruvananthapuram.
- 13. The Chief Engineer, TRDCL, Thiruvananthapuram.
- 14. The Managing Director, KELTRON, Thiruvananthapuram.
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