



GOVERNMENT OF KERALAM

Abstract

Transport Department- Granting 50% concession in the fines imposed for motor vehicle Act/Rules violations up to 31/03/2026- Amnesty Scheme approved- Orders Issued

TRANSPORT (B) DEPARTMENT

G.O.(Ms)No.23/2026/TRANS Dated,Thiruvananthapuram, 01-10-2026

Read 1 G.O.(P) No. 37/2019/Trans dated 26/10/2019

2 Letter No E3/125/2026-TC dated 03/07/2026 from the
Transport Commissioner

ORDER

In the revised Budget Speech for the financial year 2026-27,an "E-Challan Amnesty Scheme" was announced to provide an opportunity to public to settle pending e-challans related to Motor Vehicles Act violations by paying 50% of the outstanding amount. As of 31/03/2026, a total of 1,00,22,255 challans for Motor Vehicle Act violations remain pending in the State, involving a fine amount of ₹ 9,07,74,86,813 to be realized. It is observed that several vehicle owners continue to operate vehicles without transferring ownership or renewing permits and fitness certificates, resulting in further accumulation of e-challans. The existence of multiple pending e-challans against the same vehicle and the high fines imposed for certain violations discourage vehicle owners from settling these dues. Consequently, the number of cases pending before Courts is also increasing significantly. Accordingly, the Transport Commissioner has submitted a proposal for approving an amnesty scheme granting a waiver of 50% in the fine amount for e-challans pending for disposal up to 31/03/2026 as per letter read (2) above.

2) Section 200 of the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988 provides for the compounding of certain motor vehicle offences by officers or authorities authorized by the State Government, for such amount as may be specified by the State Government through notification in the Official Gazette. The provision applies to offences punishable under Sections

177, section 178, section 179, section 180, section 181, section 182, sub-section (1) or sub-section (3) or sub-section (4) of section 182A, section 182B, sub-section (1) or sub-section (2) of section 183, section 184, only to the extent of use of handheld communication devices, section 186, section 189, sub-section (2) of section 190, section 192, section 192A, section 194, section 194A, section 194B, section 194C, section 194D, section 194E, section 194F, section 196, section 198, of the Act.

3) Government have examined the matter in detail and are pleased to introduce an Amnesty Scheme granting 50% concession on the fines prescribed in the notification read (1), imposed by the officers of Motor Vehicles and Police Departments for motor vehicles Act/Rules violations up to 31/03/2026, subject to the following conditions:

1. The Amnesty scheme shall apply solely to challans generated on or before 31/03/2026, that have not been referred to Court proceedings and cases involving offences under Sections 177, section 178, section 179, section 180, section 181, section 182, sub-section (1) or sub-section (3) or sub-section (4) of section 182A, section 182B, sub-section (1) or sub-section (2) of section 183, section 184, only to the extent of use of handheld communication devices, section 186, section 189, sub-section (2) of section 190, section 192, section 192A, section 194, section 194A, section 194B, section 194C, section 194D, section 194E, section 194F, section 196, section 198, of the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988.
2. The concessional amount under the Scheme shall be remitted from 01/11/2026 to 31/01/2027.
3. No relaxation shall be given to E-challans issued after 31/03/2026 and the enforcement mechanism for timely payment of newly generated challans should be strengthened.

(By order of the Governor)
ANUPAMA T V I A S
SECRETARY

To:
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General Administration (SC) Department.
(Cabinet decision dated 30/09/2026- Item No.209)
Finance Department
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