

*Government of Puducherry*

*Abstract*

Finance Department -Re-Delegation of Financial Powers to Administrative Secretaries for incurring expenditure on maintenance, upkeep and repair of Government Vehicles on proprietary basis and for sanctioning permanent advance for purchase of POL for Vehicles/Generators, under the Delegation of Financial Powers Rules, 1978 – Order issued.

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**FINANCE DEPARTMENT**

**G. O. Ms. No. 50 /F3/2022-23**

**Puducherry, 05/09/2022**

READ: - (1) G. O. Ms. No. 47/F3/2014, dt. 09.12.2014 of the Finance Department, Puducherry  
(2) Circular No. 3007/FD/F3/2020-21, dated 24.09.2020, of the Finance Department, Puducherry

**ORDER**

1. Financial Powers have been re-delegated to the Secretaries, Heads of Department and Heads of Office for incurring expenditure on cost of POL, and maintenance, upkeep and repair charges, for Motor Vehicles, vide the order read first, in Sl. No. 10(ii) and 10(iii) respectively of the Annexure – I therein.
2. However, in view of the switching over to the pre-paid digital mode of purchase of POL for Departmental Vehicles/Generators through the Indian Oil Corporation Limited's (IOCL) Fleet Card Programme, vide the order read second, the expenditure on cost of POL is currently being incurred by Departments by obtaining sanction for Permanent Advance in respect of the IOCL Fleet Card against each Vehicle/Generator with the concurrence of the Finance Department. The Advance is deposited with the IOCL and periodically recouped by submitting the invoices by the Departments. Accordingly, the financial powers re-delegated vide the order read first for incurring expenditure on cost of POL for Government Vehicles/Generators have become redundant. Hence, the provisions need to be amended to keep pace with the changes.
3. Similarly, the maintenance, repairs and servicing of the Departmental Vehicles are currently being carried out predominantly with the Authorized Service Centre of the respective manufacturer and no longer through the Government Automobile Workshop. Hence, many of the proposals for incurring expenditure for the maintenance, upkeep and repairs of Departmental Vehicles have acquired proprietary nature. Therefore, notwithstanding the fact that the financial powers have been re-delegated to the sub-ordinate authorities for incurring expenditure in this regard vide the order read first, proposals for sanctioning expenditure for maintenance, upkeep and repairs of Departmental Vehicles are being referred to the Finance Department for concurrence, being of proprietary nature (Rule 166(iii) of the GFR, 2017).

4. In view of the above, approval of the Hon'ble Lt. Governor has now been obtained under the Rule 13(3) of the Delegation of Financial Powers Rules, 1978, for re-delegation of financial powers to the Administrative Secretaries for the following:

- (i) Administrative Secretaries shall have financial powers for sanctioning Permanent Advance against the IOCL Fleet Card for purchase of POL for Departmental Vehicles/Generators, subject to the ceiling prescribed for each Vehicle/Generator as below:

S. No.	Category	Ceiling (₹)
1	Four-wheelers	20,000
2	Two-wheelers	6,000
3	Generators	5,000

This is however subject to strict compliance with all the instructions contained in para 3 of the order read second.

- (ii) Administrative Secretaries shall have financial powers of **upto ₹3.00 Lakh on each occasion** to sanction expenditure towards settlement of work bills in connection with the execution of repairs and maintenance work including replacement of spares to the Departmental Vehicles through the Authorized Service Centres of the respective manufacturers on proprietary basis, subject to obtaining Rate Reasonability Certificate (RRC) from the Transport Department, Government of Puducherry, and compliance with Rule 166 of the GFR, 2017. The Proprietary Article Certificate required as per the Rule 166(iii) of the GFR, 2017, shall mention the instant order of the Finance Department. The Administrative Secretaries shall however continue to have full powers in regard to repairs and maintenance of Vehicles when the expenditure is incurred on lowest bid basis, vide Sl. No. 10(iii) in Annexure-I of the order read first.

5. The proposals with any deviations from the conditions prescribed herein shall require prior concurrence of the Finance Department.

// By Order of Hon'ble Lt. Governor //

  
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