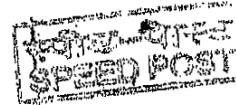


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3. The Director Generals of Police of all States/UTs 30

Subject: Advisory to immediately equip police stations with adequate vehicles and communication devices.

Madam/Sir,

The issue of police stations which have no vehicles and communication devices has been reviewed in the Ministry of Home Affairs. It is astonishing that as per the figures compiled by the Bureau of Police Research and Development (BPR&D), as on 1.1.2020, the numbers of police stations in the country not having certain items are -- (i) Vehicle : 257 (ii) Telephone : 638 (iii) Wireless set or mobile : 143. The following are the State-wise details in this regard:

S.No.	States	Not having vehicles	Not having telephone	Not having wireless/mobiles
1.	Andhra Pradesh	135	No report	No report
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	4	54	4
3.	Assam	4	141	1
4.	Chhattisgarh	-	27	-
5.	Himachal Pradesh	8	-	-
6.	Manipur	9	64	11
7.	Meghalaya	9	62	9
8.	Nagaland	-	36	18
9.	Odisha	4	3	38
10.	Punjab	7	69	36
11.	Rajasthan	-	9	-
12.	Tripura	-	14	-
13.	Uttar Pradesh	75	75	-
14.	Uttarakhand	2	-	-

15.	West Bengal	-	-	2
16.	Jammu & Kashmir	-	79	17
17.	Lakshadweep	-	5	7
	Total	257	638	143

2. This information was also sought through a question in the Lok Sabha in the recently concluded budget session. The Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Home Affairs (DPSC) has taken serious note of this matter in its 237th and 238th Reports. Para 3.16.7 of 237th Report of the DPSC regarding 'Standardization of Equipments, Weaponry, Vehicles, etc.' reproduced below:

"The Committee is of the view that modern policing requires strong communication support, state-of-the-art modern weapons, and a high degree of mobility for quick response. The Committee notes with anguish that 257 police stations do not have vehicles, 638 police stations do not have telephones and 143 police stations are not having wireless/mobiles in the country. In the 21st century India, there are police stations without telephones or proper wireless connectivity especially in many sensitive states like Arunachal Pradesh, Odisha and Punjab, particularly in view of the fact that some of these States had been rewarded with better performance incentives in the year 2018-19. Further, a very sensitive border Union Territory like Jammu & Kashmir also has a sizeable number of police stations which does not has telephones and wireless sets. The Committee, therefore, recommends that the MHA may advise such States to immediately equip their police stations with adequate vehicles and communication devices else it may lead to disincentivization of modernisation grants from the Centre. For the UTs, MHA may ensure that the needful is done at the earliest."

3. Further, para 4.8.9 of 238th Report of this Committee reads as below:

"The Committee notes that there are police stations in the country which are not having vehicles, telephones and wireless connectivity inspite of modernization Grants being released by the Centre to States /UTs. The Committee recommends that MHA may devise a mechanism and issue advisory to the States/UTs that all police stations must have basic facilities like vehicles, telephones and wireless connectivity which are a requisite for maintaining law and order. It may also be stressed upon the States/UTs that, if they do not provide vehicles and communication infrastructure to all the police stations, it may lead to disincetivization of modernization Grants from centre."

3. In view of the above, all State/UT Governments are requested to take appropriate action for compliance of the recommendations of the DPSC.

Yours Sincerely,

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