Circular No.18/2017

Sub : Use of Beacon Light on Police Vehicles- Clarification- reg
Ref : PHQ Circular No.15/2017 dated 28/06/2017

As per PHQ Circular read above direction had been issued regarding the use of multi-coloured red, blue and white light on Police vehicles. It was strictly directed that beacon lights are permitted for Police vehicles only when they are deployed for maintaining of law and order and similar emergency duties like disaster management duties (natural and manmade), riot control duties etc. But it is noticed that beacon lights are being used in Police vehicles which are not engaged in law and order duties or other similar emergency duties. Hence the following clarifications are issued.

i) All Police Station vehicles, Control Room vehicles, Interceptor Vehicles, Highway Patrol Vehicles, Pink Patrol vehicles will be allowed to use beacon lights 24 hours as they are engaged in law and order duties round the clock.

ii) Inspectors of Police, Sub-Divisional Police Officers, District Police Chiefs, Range Inspectors General of Police and Zonal ADGPs who are in charge of law and order are permitted to use beacon lights when they are engaged in law and order duties only. In other situations they shall keep the beacon lights covered/switched off.

iii) Officers in charge of Coastal Police, Railway Police, DHQ and Armed Police Battalions may use multi colour beacon lights only when they are engaged in law and order, disaster management or other emergency duties as per law. In other situations they shall keep the beacon lights covered/switched off.

iv) Officers posted in SBCID/CBCID/Staff Officers of PHQ, Officers in charge of Training, Officers in charge of technical services like Crime Records Bureau, Telecommunication, Police Computer Centre/FSL/FPB and all Special Units in District shall not use any beacon lights hence forth.

All Unit heads shall bestow their personal attention to ensure that the orders are complied with in its letter and spirit and report compliance before 30/08/2017.

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