Sub-Inspector designated in all Police Stations for traffic branch

State Police Chief Loknath Behra has directed the District Police Chiefs to designate an officer in the rank of Sub-Inspector in all police stations to handle the traffic related issues.

According to the amended Motor Vehicles Act, traffic branch Sub-Inspector and police officers above him in hierarchy are authorized to compound traffic cases. In stations where there is no traffic section, local officer in the rank of Circle Inspector or above has the authority for the same. But presently there is no Circle Inspector system in Kerala. There are special traffic stations in major cities, but in other police stations there is only a nominal traffic branch. These centre are not declared as special units in police stations. It is in this context that the State Police Chief has directed the District Police Chiefs to designate a Sub-Inspector as Traffic Branch SI in all police stations.

Similar officers in highway police, interceptor vehicles and other traffic-related police units are also part of the police traffic branch and are empowered to compound punishments for traffic offences.