

**GOVERNOR'S SECRETARIAT
ARUNACHAL PRADESH
ITANAGAR**

PRESS RELEASE

Governor has decided and directed all concerned to cancel the order for new vehicles proposed by the Resident Commissioner for him

The Raj Bhavan takes exception to the news item carried in one of the local daily, regarding purchase of new vehicles for the Governor.

To put the issue in right perspective, it may be mentioned here that the Governor had never asked for replacement of the two vehicles placed at New Delhi for the use of the Governor. It was brought to his notice, when he was that there is an intimation from Resident Commissioner, New Delhi for replacement of existing vehicles by new ones because of long term wear & tear and due to exceeding of permissible mileage of 1,00,000 (One lakh) kms by the said vehicles.

Subsequently, on the issue of requirement of the models and colours of the vehicles under the office of Resident Commissioner's proposal, the photographs of the models and colours of the vehicles were shown to the Governor by the ADC, who wanted to know his views on the earmarked models. Accordingly, the Governor had given his opinion. Recently, the Deputy Secretary, Governor Secretariat, Itanagar, when asked whether the proposed vehicle must be Petrol or Diesel model, the Governor had given his choice of Diesel vehicle to save fuel cost.

It is important to mention here that, about the decision to buy new vehicles, the Governor was told that the old vehicles of the Governor and Chief Minister in New Delhi need to be replaced, considering security status of 'Z' Plus protectees, which should have vehicles in excellent condition. It is unfortunate and seems like an ill intentioned by the reporter to give a wrong impression that the Governor has ordered for costly vehicles inspite of poor financial condition of the State, thereby contradicting to his advocacy on financial prudence.

It is a well-known fact that the Governor has been making all efforts to decrease public expenditure. The said proposal of new vehicles was neither proposed nor initiated by the Governor but by the office of Resident Commissioner, New Delhi on behalf of Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh.

In this regard, the Governor has decided and directed all concerned to cancel the order for new vehicles proposed by the Resident Commissioner and not to keep budget provision for it. He believes that luxury vehicles for other Z plus protectee as proposed by the Resident Commissioner will also be cancelled.

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