

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

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From

**Dr. U. Sarat Chandran,
Principal Secretary to Govt.**

To

**The Principal Secretaries /
Commissioner-cum-Secretaries/
Special Secretaries
of all Departments of Government.**

Sub:- Austerity Measures

Sir / Madam,

You are aware that the State is passing through a serious fiscal stress and Government are committed to a Reform Programme to address structural imbalances with a view to attaining fiscal sustainability. Therefore, the entire Government including Ministers and Senior Government officials are expected to lead by example. In view of this all the Ministers / Principal Secretaries / Secretaries/ Heads of Departments are requested to abide by the austerity measures issued in F.D. O.M. No. Bt-I-9/2001 – 10954/F dated 14th March 2001 both in letter as well as spirit. This would go a long way in providing an appropriate signal to all that the State Government is addressing the fiscal stress in right earnest.

2. As per the restrictions mentioned in para-4 of the aforesaid F.D.O.M. dt. 14.03.01, there shall be a ban on purchase of luxury vehicles and no car / vehicle of any Public Sector Undertaking should be retained by the office of any Minister or Secretary or Heads of Department or other officers of the State Government.

3. In view of the present critical financial situation, it is reiterated that there shall be a total ban on the use of vehicle of any P.S.U. by the Ministers, Secretaries or Heads of Departments or other officers. As such, Secretaries should not use more than one vehicle. Similarly, the recovery of the amount for use of Government Vehicles as stipulated in Finance Department Office Memorandum No. 52010/ F., dated the 8th December, 2003 should be scrupulously ensured from the concerned officers working at different levels.

Yours faithfully

PRICIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT