

**GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA  
FINANCE DEPARTMENT**

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**From,**

**Shri Asit Tripathy, I.A.S  
Chief Secretary**

**To,**

**The Additional Chief Secretary to Government/  
Principal Secretary to Government/  
Commissioner-cum-Secretary to Government  
All Departments/  
All Heads of Departments**

**Sub: Adoption of Austerity measures- Ban on purchase of vehicles-reg.**

Madam/Sir,

The Government has from time to time taken various austerity measures with a view to reducing administrative expenditure and accordingly instructions have been issued by the Finance Department. State Government has adopted policy for Hiring of private vehicles for Government use to achieve this objective. Finance Department had issued guidelines containing detailed modalities for hiring of private vehicles vide **FODM No 34085/F Dated 29.09.2012**. Subsequently, considering the need of Administrative Departments and based on the parameters of ease of maintenance, service facility in nearby vicinity, fuel economy and eco-friendliness, new model of vehicles are included and hiring charges of the vehicles have been revised vide **FD OM No 30464/F Dated 06.09.2019**.

2. However, it is observed that purchase of vehicles is still being insisted upon by some public functionaries and there is reluctance on their part to use hired vehicles. Even, where there is no spare driver, having residual service of 15 years or more to run the vehicle, available, requests are being made for purchase of new vehicles and allowing drivers on outsourcing basis. Admittedly, it costs dearer to the State exchequer, when a decision for procurement of Government vehicle is taken since it

involves not only cost of the vehicle but also maintenance expenditure of the vehicle and salary and pension liabilities of the driver. Needless to say, Government of India and Central PSUs have been using hired vehicles since long with very little exception.

3. In view of this and in the interest of austerity and more efficient use of resources, State Government has now decided that other than vehicles for Hon'ble Judges of High Court, purchase of vehicles will not be allowed in any other case and hiring of vehicles will be adopted as default mode having all other requirements in place except in rare cases such as security related requirements etc., with specific approval of Government.

4. These instructions shall also be applicable to all State PSUs / Societies and Autonomous Bodies.

5. All other instructions for hiring of private vehicle for official use issued vide FDOM No 34085/F Dated 29.09.2012, 27037/F Dated 08.10.2015 and 30464/F Dated 06.09.2019 shall remain in force.

6. These instructions shall come into effect from the date of issue.

Yours faithfully,

Sd/-  
**Chief Secretary**