

**GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
PERSONNEL AND ADMINISTRATIVE DEPARTMENT
325, SARAT CHATTERJEE ROAD, NABANNA
HOWRAH -711 102**

No. 186-PAR/AR/O/2017

Dated 19.06.2017

NOTIFICATION

Whereas, the matter of using a distinguishing flag on the vehicles of high officials has been under active consideration of the government, and


Whereas, the use of flags, other than the National Flag, on vehicles is not restricted by any regulation under the Central/State Motor Vehicles Act or Rules and high ranking officials/ dignitaries of various organizations/ non uniformed services, such as High Courts, Universities and various services of the Union of India have been using the flag representing the institution that they represent, and

Whereas, in view of the significant rise in the level of interaction with various International and National level authorities, it is felt that a flag for use on vehicles being used by senior officials of the State Government shall convey a greater sense of Government's intent and enable smoother interactions without compromising protocol;


Now, therefore, the Governor is pleased to notify a formal flag scheme (base design, content and colour scheme in Annexure-I) for officials of the Indian Administrative Service, who represent the Government at various levels and in various meetings.

The use thereof shall be, *inter-alia*, regulated by the level of seniority of an officer, and the post being held currently. The following classification is indicated:

1. Seniority Based :

a. Officials of the grades "Above Super time scale and the Apex scale" – (Chief Secretary, Additional Chief Secretaries and Principal Secretaries or their equivalent) : Rectangular;  10" X 6 " : Colour : Navy Blue

b. Officials of the "Super time scale" – (Secretaries or their equivalent)
Swallow – Tailed;  10" X 6 " : Colour : Navy Blue

c. Officials of the "Junior Administrative Grade and Selection Grade" – Commissioners or their equivalent : Triangular  10" X 6 " : Colour : Navy Blue

2. Post Specific :

- a. Divisional Commissioner : Rectangular
- b. District Magistrates : Triangular

The following rules and restrictions shall apply to the use of flags on official vehicles:

- a. The flag on the flag-staff shall be affixed to the centre of the bonnet of the vehicle and/or with an attachment on the front grill;
- b. The flag on a vehicle shall only be displayed when the officer is using the vehicle strictly for official purposes, in the discharge of his/her allotted duties;
- c. The flag and flag-staff should be taken off when the officer is not travelling in the vehicle;
- d. The flag must always be kept clean and in proper condition.
- e. The flag shall not be used to seek exemption from penalty for any violation of traffic rules.

To ensure uniformity of the material and make of the flag and the flag-stands that will be used, the Transport Department shall have all flags and flag-staffs to be used for official vehicles to be procured under its aegis.

The Office of the OSD to the Chief Secretary & Under Secretary shall act as the custodian of flags and issue them to the concerned officers on indent and with the proper approval of the Chief Secretary.

The Office of the OSD to the Chief Secretary & Under Secretary shall maintain an updated database of flags issued against the name and rank of officers, and the vehicle registration number. This database is to be shared with the authorities of NHAI, KMC and the Police Directorate/KP.

This has approval of the Competent Authority

The scheme shall come into effect from the date of issuance of this notification.

By Order of the Governor.

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(P.K. Mishra)

Secretary to the Government of West Bengal

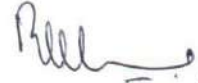
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_____ Department.
- 2) All IAS officers of West Bengal Cadre [By E mail]
- 3) The Commissioner, Presidency/ Burdwan/ Medinipur/ Malda/ Jalpaiguri Division.
- 4) The District Magistrate, _____ District.



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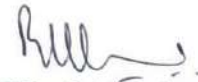
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ANNEXURE - I

