

Police to issue e-challans for traffic violations

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Hand-held machines given to traffic rule enforcement officers



Going hi-tech: Traffic sergeants in the city will use hand-held machines to generate e-challans for road rule violations. - Photo: M. Periasamy

Traffic sergeants in Coimbatore City have been equipped with hand-held reader machines for instantly generating e-challans to levy penalty on road rule violators.

City Police Commissioner C. Sylendra Babu handed over the hand-held readers to the traffic sergeants and traffic inspectors.

Penalty

The hand-held readers will not only come in handy for levying penalty for the violation, but would also provide a complete history of the vehicle including engine number, chassis number, owner name, address and the history of previous violations.

All that the sergeant would have to do is to just type the vehicle number.

City Police have procured as many as 18 hand-held reader gadgets equipping almost all officers in charge of traffic rule enforcement. Each machine costs Rs. 25,000.

The hand-held readers and instant generation of e-challan to enable spot fine is part of the Rs. 1.69 crore Aerial Traffic Surveillance System (ATCS) brought in by the Coimbatore City Police recently.

The ATCS is aimed at monitoring the road junctions, signals through surveillance cameras to bring down the road rule violations.

The hand-held readers are connected to the main server at the police control room which is connected to the Transport Department vehicular data base.

Handhelds are equipped with printer option to issue a receipt instantly.

Violations

The history of violations would enable the enforcement officers to levy a heavier penalty prescribed in the law for habitual and repeat offenders. The reader would also give details about the previous violations and the penalty pending unpaid against the vehicle.

The reader comes with a consolidated platform for both e-challans and manually issued challans under a single software application.

There is a deferred synchronisation feature in case of GPRS connectivity issues.

Mr.Sylendra Babu said that for some more time e-challans on the spot and the system of manual challan during enforcement of road rules would co-exist and after some time, the police officers would be asked to switch over to the e-challan system.

Hand-held readers would enable instant and speedy enforcement and would help the officers speed up the enforcement drive thus clearing the motorists faster and levying penalty on more violators.