About Department

As per the Allocation of Business (Rules), 1961, Department of Justice is a part of Ministry of Law & Justice, Government of India. It is one of the oldest Ministries of the Government of India. Till 31.12.2009, Department of Justice was part of Ministry of Home Affairs and Union Home Secretary had been the Secretary of Department of Justice. Keeping in view the increasing workload and formulating many policies and programmes on Judicial Reforms in the country, a separate Department namely Department of Justice was carved out from MHA and placed under the charge of Secretary to Government of India and it started working as such from 1st January, 2010 under the Ministry of Law & Justice. The Department is housed in the Jaisalmer House, 26, Man Singh Road, New Delhi. The Organizational setup of the Department includes 04 Joint Secretaries, 08 Directors/ Deputy Secretaries and 09 Under Secretaries. The functions of the Department of Justice include the appointment, resignation and removal of the Chief Justice of India, Judges of the Supreme Court of India, Chief Justices and Judges of the High Courts and their service matters. In addition, the Department implements important schemes for Development of Infrastructure Facilities for Judiciary, setting up of Special Courts for speedy trial and disposal of cases of sensitive nature (Fast Track Special Court for cases of rape and POCSO Act), E-court Project on computerization of various courts across the country, legal aid to poor and access to justice, financial assistance to National Judicial Academy for providing training to the Judicial Officers of the country. The functions of Department of Justice are given in Allocation of Business

History

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Vision and Mission

VISION: Facilitating administration of Justice that ensures easy access and timely delivery of Justice to all.

MISSION: Ensuring adequacy of courts and judges, including servicing of appointment of Judges to the higher judiciary, modernization of courts and procedures, policies for judicial reforms, and legal aid to the poor for improved justice delivery.

Functions of Department

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- Appointment, resignation and removal of the Chief Justice of India, Judges of the Supreme Court of India and High Courts; their salaries, rights in respect of leave of absence (including leave allowances), pensions and travelling allowances.
- 2. Constitution and organization (excluding jurisdiction and powers) of the Supreme Court (but including contempt of such Court) and the fees taken therein.
- Constitution and organization of the High Courts and the Courts of Judicial Commissioners except provisions as to
 officers and servants of these Courts.
- 4. Constitution and organization of Courts in the Union Territories and fees taken in such Courts.
- 5. Implementation of proposals recommended and approved under Finance Commission awards.
- 6. Collection of data on institution, disposal, pendency of cases in Courts and monitoring the status of under trial prisoners.
- 7. Initiate policy measures for judicial reforms.
- 8. Setting up and operationalization of National Mission for Justice delivery and Legal reforms.
- Setting up of Fast Track Special Courts (FTSCs) for speedy trial and disposal of cases of sexual offences.
- 10. Creation of All India Judicial Service (AIJS).
- 11. Implementation of various schemes to facilitate development and modernization of infrastructure for justify judiciary.
- 12. Strengthening Department of Justice e-office, statistical wing, revamping of official website and training thereupon.
- 13. All matters related to National Judicial Academy.
- 14. Achieve the objective of universal computerisation of all the District & Subordinate Court complexes by provision of hardware, software and WAN connectivity in close coordination with the eCommittee of The Supreme Court of India as a part of the eCourts Project.
- 15. Implementation of Central Sector Scheme "Designing Innovative Solutions for Holistic Access to Justice in India (DISHA)" to further the cause of access to justice.
- 16. All matters related to National Legal Services Authority (NALSA).

Divisions

- Appointments: Appointment Division deals with the appointment, transfer and removal of Chief Justice and Judges
 of the Supreme Court and High Courts. Setting up of new High Courts, Benches of Supreme Court and High Courts
 and increase in Judge strength of the Supreme Court and the High Courts of India are other functions.
- National Mission for Justice Delivery & Legal Reforms: National Mission for Judicial Reforms (NMJR) Division is
 dealing mainly with (i) pendency reduction (ii) Ease of doing business (enforcing contracts parameter), (iii) Centrally
 sponsored scheme for development of infrastructure facilities for District and subordinate courts and (iv) the scheme
 of Gram Nyayalaya. Besides, the Division is also working on the issues relating to Rule of Law Index and Action
 Research for Judicial Reforms.

Access to Justice: Access to Justice Division implements a Central Sector Scheme to further the cause of access to justice named "Designing Innovative Solutions for Holistic Access to Justice in India (DISHA)". The component schemes under DISHA include:- Tele-law: Reaching the unreached, Nyaya Bandhu (Pro-bono Legal Services), Nyaya Mitra and Legal Literacy & Legal Awareness Programme.

This Division also deals with matters related to National Legal Services Authority (NALSA) including release of grant-in-aid to NALSA; laying of Annual Accounts of National Legal Aid Fund, Audit Report of the C&AG and Annual Report of NALSA and Legal Services Authorities of UT; and representations/grievances received from public for legal aid.

eCourts: eCourts is a Mission Mode Project which uses technology to make the judicial processes across district and subordinate courts in India more efficient and speedy delivery of justice.

The project is being implemented under the joint partnership of Department of Justice, Ministry of Law & Justice, Government of India and eCommittee, Supreme Court of India, in a decentralized manner through the respective High Courts.

Phase-I of the project was approved in 2010 and enabled computerization of 14,249 district and subordinate courts by 2015 at a cost of Rs. 639 crores.

Phase-II of this project, which envisions further enhancements, was commissioned in 2015 for a period of four years or till completion of the project, at a budget of Rs. 1670 crores.

The focus of the Phase-II is on enhancing judicial service for litigants and lawyers by providing them technology enabled infrastructure. It involves improved ICT Infrastructure, video conferencing, improved access across seven platforms including web portal, app, judicial service centres, kiosks etc.

The project also includes capacity building of officers, ICT provisioning of District Legal Service Authorities, Taluka Legal Service Committees and State Judicial Academies as well as judicial process re-engineering.

eCourts Project Phase III has been approved by the Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi as a Central Sector Scheme spanning four years (2023 onwards) with financial outlay of Rs.7210 crore. Taking the gains of Phase-I and Phase-II to the next level, the e-Courts Phase-III aims to usher in a regime of maximum ease of

justice by moving towards digital, online and paperless courts through digitization of the entire court records including legacy records and by bringing in universalization of e-Filing/ e-Payments through saturation of all court complexes with e-Sewa Kendras. It will put in place intelligent smart systems enabling data-based decision making for judges and registries while scheduling or prioritizing cases. The main objective of the Phase-III is to create a unified technology platform for the judiciary, which will provide a seamless and paperless interface between the courts, the litigants and other stakeholders.

- Justice-I: Justice-I Section deals with pay allowance and pension of Judges of Supreme Court and High Courts, Judicial Pay Commission, Pecuniary Jurisdiction of Delhi District Courts. Use of Hindi and regional languages in courts and redressal of public grievances.
- Justice-II:
 Justice-II deals with setting up of Fast Track Special Courts for expeditious trial and disposal of cases related to rape and POCSO Act, compiling case statistics of Fast Track Courts and Family Courts. The Division prepares the proposal of the Department for consideration of Finance Commission, updating of Citizen Charter of Department of Justice, RTI applications, matters pertaining to National Judicial Academy, matters concerning Parliament Questions and other miscellaneous issues assigned to this division.
- <u>Administration</u>: The Administration Division is entrusted with the responsibility of personnel/General administration of the Department of Justice including budget, finance, audit, RTI, eOffice, training, Hindi/Rajbhasha matters, and Swachhta Action Plan in respect of Department of Justice. The Coordination branch of the Division ensures time bound action on Parliamentary Matters, convenes various consultative Meeting

e-Payments

e-Filing of cases requires the option for electronic payment of fees which includes court fees, fines and penalties which are directly payable to the Consolidated Fund. Online payment of court fees, fines, penalties and judicial deposits has been initiated through https://pay.ecourts.gov.in from 14th August 2018. Introduction of electronic collection of court fees and other civil payments requires appropriate amendments in the existing Court Fees Act enacted by the various State Governments besides opening a bank account in a Nationalized Bank or in other bank suitable to receive, hold and disburse such payments electronically.

DoJ has taken up the matter with Chief Secretaries and Registrar General of High Courts to expedite the enactment / modification in existing enactment to enable epayment of court fees. The eCommittee of the Supreme Court has also proposed that since the existing Court Fees Act provides for refunds, administrative instructions may be issued by High Courts to allow one-time lump sum deposit as court fees which can be adjusted and balance refunded at the end of the proceedings in the same manner that court

fees in respect of proceedings withdrawn or compromise are refunded in part.

A total of 22 High Courts have implemented ePayments in their respective jurisdictions whereas the Court Fees Act has been amended in 24 High Courts till 31.08.2024.

The ePayments can be enabled through an electronic payment process like SBI ePay, GRAS, e-GRAS, JeGRAS, HimKosh etc. Apart from payments being made through credit / debit cards and bank transfers, other applications like BHIM App, RuPay etc. can also be leveraged along with private wallets like Paytm, Google Pay etc.

Traffic Fines in Telangana

The rapid pace of development in Telangana has resulted in an influx of people from across the country, subsequently contributing to an increased number of vehicles plying on roads.

Unfortunately, this surge has resulted in traffic violations and mishaps, as indicated by a report by the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways.

According to the report, between 2018 and 2022, road fatalities jumped 45.8% in Telangana, with two-wheeler riders bearing the worst of the brunt. These jarring statistics reveal the importance of strengthening traffic rules in Telangana (TS).

The objective of TS traffic fines and rules is to mitigate road accidents and reduce fatalities to make roads safer. However, while the law authorities can make the rules, the roads can only become safer if individuals cautiously abide by them.

Let's acquaint ourselves with RTO rules in Telangana so you can prevent Telangana traffic fines and play your role in making the roads safer.

New Traffic Rules in Telangana

Acquainting yourself with updated RTO rules in Telangana can prevent incurring Telangana traffic fines and, in turn, keep the roads safer. Let's take a look at the revised traffic rules in Telangana:

Four-Wheeler Traffic Rules in Telangana

Fasten your seatbelt: When driving a car, the driver and passenger must fasten the seatbelt. In the unfortunate event of a crash, being buckled up secures you inside your vehicle as opposed to being completely ejected, which is almost always deadly. Not following this rule will result in a fine in Telangana.

Don't use a mobile phone when driving: Being alert when you are driving helps you counter mishaps and gain control over the situation. So, if caught driving while using a phone, you will incur a fine in Telangana. It is best that you either stop on the side if you want to use your phone or use a hands-free device.

Overspeeding: A staggering 71.2% of the fatalities in Telangana happened because of overspeeding. Not only will driving above the speed limit lead to a hefty fine, but it is also highly dangerous for yourself and other riders and drivers on the road.

Follow lane discipline: Sudden or extreme lane changes can cause severe accidents. Therefore, drivers must be aware of the lane-changing discipline. You will get a challan for violating this rule in Telangana.

Have a valid driving licence: Driving without a licence fine in Telangana can hurt your pocket. Not only should drivers possess a valid driver's licence, but their licence should apply to their vehicle class.

Park in delegated spots: Parking your vehicle in no-parking spots or on public roads can inconvenience others and will incur a no-parking fine in Telangana. You must park your vehicle responsibly such that it does not obstruct the road or put others in danger. This will help you avoid the inconvenience of having to answer for your illegally parked vehicle and avoid the hassle of a no-parking fine in Telangana.

Don't drive when inebriated: When you are under the influence of alcohol or drugs, you lack alertness in perceiving and reacting to a danger on the road. Alcohol also impairs your ability to acknowledge distance between objects or effectively recover from glare. For these reasons and more, you will incur a drink-and-drive fine in Telangana if you drive inebriated. It is important to note, however, that the drink-and-drive fine in Telangana is more for the safety of the citizens.

Two-Wheeler Traffic Rules in Telangana

Wear a helmet: Instead of worrying about the fine for not wearing a helmet in Telangana, it is important to consider the repercussions of riding without a helmet. Riding without a helmet exposes you to head or brain injuries that can be fatal. It is important to secure your journeys with a helmet. So, even if you incur a small fine for not wearing a helmet in Telangana, remember that you may pay a higher price for neglecting your safety.

No more than two people on the bike: Riders tend to think they can ride triple-seat for short distances but we don't realise that even for these short distances, you can compromise the vehicle-control abilities that can result in accidents. To prevent these instances, the Telangana state government levies a fine if more than two persons are riding a two-wheeler.

Don't use your phone when riding: Just as it is when driving a car, distracted riding is also life-threatening on the road. Two-wheeler riders are at a greater threat because they are more vulnerable and exposed when compared to cars.

Don't speed: Indulging in aggressive driving, speeding, or racing not only compromises the safety of the rider but also other drivers and pedestrians. It can also lead to fatal accidents. So, it is advised to ride well within the speed limit, and for a violation of this rule, you will be fined in Telangana.

Carry the necessary documents: Every rider is expected to have a valid driving licence, PUC certificate, and insurance with them while riding. The authorities may ask you to present you with the documents at any point, and not having them can lead to hefty fines.

Updated Telangana Fine List

To legally ride or drive in Telangana, every individual needs to adhere to the traffic rules. Neglecting any of the rules can result in heavy fines by the authorities. With the increased number of vehicles on the roads, traffic violations have also gone up and these traffic fines are an attempt to discourage breaking the law while on the road.

Here is a list of the updated Telangana traffic fines so riders and drivers are better acquainted with the law:

The aforementioned TS traffic fine list came into effect to raise awareness about and instil the importance of abiding by traffic rules.

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"Two-Wheeler and Three-Wheeler": {
 "Riding without a valid driver's licence (DL)": "₹500",
 "Riding without valid registration": "₹2,000",
 "Riding on the wrong side of the road": {
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  "Repeat Offence (within 6 months)": "₹700"
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 "Driving without valid registration": "₹2,000",
 "Driving on the wrong side": {
  "First Offence": "₹700",
  "Repeat Offence (within 6 months)": "₹1,700"
 }
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"All Vehicles": {
 "Using the mobile phone while riding": "₹1,000",
 "Riding/driving without a valid insurance": "₹1,000",
 "Riding/driving while inebriated": "Court fine",
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 "Irresponsible riding/driving": "₹1,000",
 "Riding/driving without a PUC certificate": "₹1,000",
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"Jumping the signal": "₹1,000",

"Disobeying instructions by the traffic police officer in uniform": "₹200",

"Riding/driving with an irregular number plate": "₹200",

"Violations regarding stopping line/lane": "₹200",

"Driving/riding in a mentally/physically unfit state": "₹200",

"Allowing an unauthorised person to drive/ride a vehicle": "₹1,000",

"U-turn violations": "₹200",

"No-entry/one-way related violations": "₹200"

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Imposing E-Challan in Telangana

Traffic fines in Telangana have gone digital, which enables drivers to pay off their fines online. The e-challan system uses CCTV cameras to capture traffic violations.

It is important to note that if the fine is not cleared within 60 days of issuing, additional penalties will be levied on the offender. In extreme cases, the offender may even be asked to appear in court. Therefore, it is essential to be aware of the e-challan validity period.

How to Pay Telangana Traffic Fine

There are several ways an individual can pay off their traffic fine in Telangana. Essentially, these two modes are online and offline.

For the online method, the individual can pay their fine either through the official Parivahan website, the Paytm app, or the Telangana State Police website.

We will be exploring how to pay the fine via the online as well as the offline method.

Online: Telangana State Police Website**

Step 1: Visit the official website of Telangana Police

Step 2: Enter your vehicle number, answer the security question, and click on "Go."

Step 3: From the list of e-challans, select the one you need to pay against.

Step 4: You will then need to make the payment of the fine via any of the internet banking options provided. You can also choose a debit/credit card to clear your fines.

Step 5: Once the payment is completed, you will receive a receipt that can be used as a reference ID for tracking.

The online method eliminates the hassle of having to visit the police station and queue up to clear your fines. Instead, your fines can be cleared conveniently from your home. However, if you prefer the offline method, here is the process:**

Offline Traffic Fine Clearance

Step 1: Visit the official website of the state in which your challan was issued

Step 2: Download and take a print of the e-challan and make note of the vehicle and challan number

Step 3: Prepare a cheque/pay order/demand draft/ in favour of "DCP/Traffic (HQs)" and post/courier it along with your e-challan to "DCP/Traffic (HQs) office, Telangana Traffic Police."

Step 4: Once your payment is completed, you will receive an SMS on your registered mobile number that will contain the transaction ID to track your payment transaction

Key sections of the manual include:

Introduction: Describes the purpose of the app, which allows users to access case information 24/7 without visiting court complexes.

Installation Instructions: Provides steps for downloading the app from the e-Committee and e-Courts websites, Google Play Store, and Apple Store.

Configuration: Users can configure the app to access High Court, District Court, or both.

Language Support: The app is available in English and six regional Indian languages.

Basic Icons and Features: Explains the main icons and functionalities, such as case status search, cause lists, and personal case tracking through "My Cases."

Search Options: Details various search methods for cases, including by CNR number, case number, filing number, advocate name, and party name.

Case History and Details: Users can view complete case histories, including details about petitions, judgments, and hearing histories.

Additional Features: The app includes options for QR code scanning, SMS notifications for case status, and access to e-filing and payment links.

The manual emphasizes that all services provided through the app are free of charge and aims to facilitate easier access to legal information for all users.

give stepwise procedure for Ways to download eCourts Services Mobile app
Here is the stepwise procedure to download the e-Courts Services Mobile App:
Access the App Store:
For Android users: Open the Google Play Store on your mobile device.
For iOS users: Open the Apple App Store on your mobile device.
Search for the App:
In the search bar, type "e-Courts Services" and press enter or tap the search icon. Select the App:
Look for the e-Courts Services Mobile App in the search results. Ensure it is the official app developed by the e-Committee, Supreme Court of India.
Download the App:
Tap on the "Install" button (for Android) or the "Get" button (for iOS) to begin downloading the app. Wait for Installation:
Allow the app to download and install on your device. This may take a few moments depending on your internet speed. Open the App:
Once the installation is complete, tap on the "Open" button to launch the app directly from the app store, or find the app icon on your home screen or app drawer. Configure the App:
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Follow the on-screen instructions to configure the app for your use, selecting the appropriate court (High Court, District Court, or both). Language Selection:

Choose your preferred language from the available options (English and six regional languages).

Start Using the App:

You can now begin using the e-Courts Services Mobile App to access case statuses, cause lists, and other legal information.

By following these steps, you will successfully download and set up the e-Courts Services Mobile App on your device.

STATEWISE COURT INFORMATION

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