THE MOTOR VEHICLES ACT, 1988

(Key Provisions Related to Traffic Offenses)

CHAPTER XIII: OFFENSES, PENALTIES AND PROCEDURE

Section 185: Driving Under Influence of Alcohol/Drugs

- 1. Offense:
- Driving with alcohol concentration > 30mg per 100ml blood
- o Driving under influence of drugs affecting control of vehicle
- 2. Punishment:
- First Offense:
- Imprisonment up to 6 months and/or fine up to ₹10,000
- Subsequent Offense:
- Imprisonment up to 2 years and/or fine up to ₹15,000
- 3. Testing Procedure (Rule 244, CMV Rules):
- Breath analyzer test must be conducted by officer in uniform
- Two consecutive tests with 15-minute gap required
- Calibration certificate of device must be shown on demand
- Suspect may request blood test if breathalyzer unavailable

Section 194: Over-Speeding

• **Fine:** ₹1,000–₹2,000

• Repeat Offense: ₹2,000–₹4,000

Section 196: Driving Without License

- Punishment:
- o Imprisonment up to **3 months** or fine up to **₹5,000** or both

Section 129: Mandatory Helmet (Two-Wheelers)

• Fine: ₹1,000 + License Suspension for 3 months

Section 194D: Dangerous Driving

• **Fine:** ₹1,000–₹5,000

• Repeat Offense: License disqualification for 6 months

Section 183: Overloading Vehicles

• Fine: ₹20,000 + **₹2,000** per extra tonne

CENTRAL MOTOR VEHICLES RULES (CMVR)

Rule 244: Breath Analyzer Specifications

- 1. Devices must be ISI-certified
- 2. Calibration required every 3 months
- 3. Test must be videorecorded

Rule 138: Pollution Control

• Fine for PUC Violation: ₹10,000 (first offense)