Editorial

Parking paralysis

‘An exercise in futility’ would perhaps best describe the ongoing determined attempt of the state traffic police to control and maintain proper parking rules and regulations in the city. The state traffic police, with no serious observation which is more an opinion than a qualified assessment is derived from the experiences, narrations and reactions from concerned public and bewildered motorists who have pointed out certain highlights to drive home the truth of the position.

The present efforts of the state authorities particularly the Imphal West Police to streamline parking methods as well as to regulate and prevent illegal parking so as to ensure minimal resistance to public traffic flow in and around the city is a much needed exercise in light of the steadily increasing vehicular traffic in the city. A sudden and unexpected traffic rush has been experienced in a rapid surge in the volume of traffic during the last decade which, while being a good indicator of increasing disposable income of the people in the state, has been proving to be a worsening problem as regulating traffic is becoming an increasingly challenging task. The challenge is only set to get even more difficult.

The most pertinent question then is how the existing resources in terms of manpower and available spaces be utilized to ease the increasingly worsening traffic woes in the state capital. The initiative of the state government to revive the state road transport corporation is laudable, but as of now, there are few takers which indicate an inherent flaw in the arrangement which tends to make the task of reviving the corporation impossible. The view, identity and expense. Lack of dedicated parking spaces for public transporters such as autorickshaws, wingers etc. around the periphery of the heart of the city, as well as the lack of a well planned parking system within the city public into the city has been a major stumbling block in the effort to regulate traffic in the heart of the city. The state run public transport system can be effectively used to provide the necessary service. Proper and highly visible demarcation of parking spaces along the roads within the heart of the city enforcing traffic rules and parking regulations- are the scores of questions vendors displaying their wares with the Thangal Bazaar stretch on both sides of the road depriving the public of the much needed parking spaces. Their number is rapidly increasing by the day due to the growing number of private vehicles which have an overwhelming impact on the designated parking spaces. Roadside vendors are also now spilling over the Poona Bazaar side as well. Another pertinent question which the authorities have so far failed to notice is the encroachment of pavements/footpaths by shops for displaying their wares forcing the public to walk on the road.

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Government Press, Manipur - A Vision

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