

Double trouble if vehicle lent sans proper papers

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WALLET CRASH

The next time you hand over your car keys to your driver or even your spouse, make sure the vehicle's papers are in order, or you could have double trouble in terms of fines — one set for you the owner, and the second set for the driver.

Ravi Solanki was caught driving a motorcycle (GJ-27 CD 7832), which is registered in the name of Jay Bahadur Varma. Solanki was slapped with a fine of Rs 11,100, as he was riding with two pillion riders and without a licence or helmet. Solanki did not have the pollution under control (PUC) certificate nor the vehicle's insurance papers. Vastral RTO fined both Solanki and Varma Rs 2,000 each, as Varma gave his vehicle to a person without a licence. Similarly, both Varma and Solanki were fined for the lack of a PUC (Rs 500 each) and insurance paper (Rs 2,000 each).

"According to the new MV Act, the onus of producing vehicle papers lies not just of the person driving but also on the owner of the vehicle. Thus, if a man gives his car to his wife without its papers, he and his wife will both end up paying fines for all the offences relating to the vehicle."

Ravi Solanki said he is unemployed and was going to help out a friend who had called

him. "The cops caught us and asked us to pay Rs 11,500 in fines. I did not have the money with me and the vehicle was impounded. Jay is my brother and I was driving his vehicle."

Solanki said that he comes from a poor family and if he told them about the hefty fines, they would have gotten angry at him. He thus told them that he had given the vehicle for servicing. I borrowed the money from a friend to get the vehicle released," he said.

In another case, a three-

wheeler (GJ-01-CU-8241) driver was fined Rs 11,500 by the Ahmedabad RTO. The city RTO officials found that the driver was one Baldev (second name not mentioned on challan) and the vehicle was registered to Rajeshkumar (single name only), a resident of Shahibaug.

Baldev also he did not have a licence, PUC and or insurance policy with him was fined along with Rajeshkumar. Solanki and Baldev have paid the biggest fines in Ahmedabad city so far, officials said.

Challan for a bike in Vastral	Owner	Driver
Dangerous driving	0	1,500
No PUC certificate	500	500
No insurance	2,000	2,000
No license	2,000	2,000
2 pillion riders	0	100
No helmet	0	500
Total	4,500	6,600
Total Challan Value	11,100	
POTENTIAL PENALTIES FOR A CAR		
No PUC certificate	500	500
No insurance	4,000	4,000
No licence	3,000	3,000
Not wearing seat belt	0	500
Tinted windows	500	500
Not carrying papers	500	500
Total	8,500	9,000
Total Challan Value	17,500	



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documentation account for less than 3% of the claims.

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