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Sub: Committee on Road Safety- Follow up action on Committees' directions - Regarding.

Sir,

Kindly refer to the letter no 7287/Enf/RS/1-8(3)/2017 dated 30th December, 2017 from the Additional Transport Commissioner (Uttarakhand) furnishing the compliance report relating to the directions of the Committee on Road Safety sought by the Committee vide its letter dated 24th November, 2017.

2. The measures taken by you have been examined by the Committee in detail. The Committee has the following observations:

S.No.	Issues	Observations of the Committee
1	The Judgement delivered by the Hon'ble Supreme Court on 30.11.2017.	The State should take action on Committee's letter dated 8 th December, 2017 regarding the judgement delivered by the Hon'ble Supreme Court on 30.11.2017.
2	Reasons for high fatalities in Dehradun,	Noted. The Committee observes that the State has not indicated the reasons for high fatalities and special measures taken to reduce fatalities in three



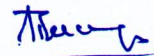
	Haridwar and US Nagar in Jan-June 2017 and action for their reduction	districts, namely, Dehradun, Haridwar and US Nagar which together accounted for more than 57% of total fatalities in the State during January – June, 2017 and directs that the same should be intimated to the Committee.
3	District Road Safety Committees: targets; analysis of data, identification of causes of vulnerability; recommendations.	The Committee directs the State to take the following action: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. The State should set targets for fatality reduction for each district and regularly hold meetings of District Road Safety Committees. ii. The Committee notes that the District Road Safety Committees have not yet conducted analysis of accident and fatality data of the district and reiterates that all District Road Safety Committees should conduct analysis of accident & fatality data of the district, identify all vulnerable road segments (whether or not recognised as black spots) in the district and make recommendations to the respective wings of the State on specific strategies in the areas of enforcement, engineering and emergency care required to be adopted for reducing accidents & fatalities. iii. The performance of each District Road Safety Committee should be regularly monitored at a senior level.
4	Road Safety Council	Noted. The Committee notes that the State Road Safety Council met only once in 2017 (on 15.05.2017) and directs that the State should ensure that the Council meets at least twice a year. The minutes and action taken reports should be submitted to the Committee regularly.
5	Lead Agency	The Committee notes that the State has not yet set up a Lead Agency. The Committee directs the State to take note of the directions given to the State Governments by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in their Judgement dated 30.11.2017 in this regard and set up a Lead Agency as directed vide Committee's letter No. 16/2016/ CoRS dated 24 th November, 2016.
6	Road Safety Fund	The Committee notes that the State has notified the Uttarakhand Road Safety Fund Rules, 2017 on 20 th November, 2017 and directs the State to establish

		the Fund as per provision of Rules 3 and 13(2) of the Uttarakhand Road Safety Fund Rules, 2017. The Committee directs the State to take note of the directions given to the State Governments by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in their Judgement dated 30.11.2017 in this regard and set up a Road Safety Fund as directed vide Committee's letter No. 16/2016/ CoRS dated 24 th November, 2016.
7	Enforcement of traffic laws and the Committee's directions dated 18.08.2015 and 17.11.2015	<p>The Committee notes that the State has taken action for suspension of licenses only in about 16% traffic law violations detected (excluding helmet and seat belt violations) in the third quarter (July-August) of 2017 as compared to 13% cases in the second quarter (April-June) of 2017. The Committee also notes that in case of helmet and seat belt law violations, the State has counselled only about 28% violators.</p> <p>The Committee observes that enforcement of traffic laws in the State is very poor and directs the State to strictly enforce the Committee's directions dated 18th August, 2015 and 17th November, 2015 regarding suspension of driving licenses for the specified offences.</p>
8	Compensation paid to hit & run victims	The Committee is unhappy to note that compensation was paid only in one case during the years 2013, 2014 and 2015 though there were 157, 111 and 108 fatalities respectively in hit and run cases in those years and desires that the payment of compensation to all other victims of hit & run cases should be made under intimation to the Committee.
9	Road Safety Audit	Noted. The Committee observes that the directions issued by the Committee regarding road safety audit stand modified by the Hon'ble Supreme Court vide their Judgement dated 30.11.2017. The State Governments should comply with the orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court.
10	Time frame for setting up sensor based driving tracks	The Committee notes that out of 10 districts identified for setting up sensor based driving tracks, land has been identified and transferred to the Department only in two districts, namely, Haridwar and Haldwani. The Committee desires that the state should fix district wise timeframe within which the State Government plans to set up sensor based

		driving tracks and intimate to the Committee.
11	Third Party Insurance	The Committee notes the report for quarter July – September, 2017 on detention of vehicles not covered by third party insurance and directs that the State should continue to send the quarterly implementation reports in the prescribed proforma by due dates.
12	Speed Governors	Noted. The Committee directs the State to complete the process of approvals of SLD suppliers early and begin to implement the Committee's directions dated 11.04.2017 regarding fitment of speed governors in certain categories of existing transport vehicles and regularly send quarterly reports in the prescribed proforma to the Committee.
13	-	The Lead Agency should place the above directions issued by the Committee together with action taken report thereon before the State Road Safety Council in its next meeting.

3. You are requested to take action as advised above and forward a comprehensive compliance report to the Committee in respect of all the directions by **31st March, 2018**.

Yours sincerely,



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