

## SUPREME COURT COMMITTEE ON ROAD SAFETY

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No. 29/2014/CoRS

Dated: 24th November, 2017.

To

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

Regarding.

Sir.

Kindly refer to the letter No.5073/Enf/RS/1-8(3)/2017 dated 5th August, 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 25th April, 2017.

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

S.No.	Para Number of Uttarakhand Govt.'s letter dated 05.08.2017.	Observations of the Committee
1	1.1 to 1.3	a) The Committee notes that there has been a reduction of about 6% in fatalities during the first half of 2017. The Committee however points out that Dehradun, Haridwar and US Nagar accounted for more that 57% of total fatalites during the same period and desires that the State should take special measures for these districts. The special measures taken in these districts and the outcome thereof



	,	should be intimated to the Committee.
		b) The Committee desires that the State should direct all District Road Safety Committees to conduct analysis of accident & fatality data of the district, identify all vulnerable road segments in the district and devise a strategy for the district for reduction of road accidents and fatalities and take specified steps for reducing accidents & fatalities.
2	3.1	Noted.
3	4.1	Noted.
	4.2 & 4.3	Noted. The Committee notes that the State Road Safety Council met on 15.05.2017 and desires that its next meeting should be held before 31st December, 2017. The minutes and action taken reports may also be submitted to the Committee.
4.	5.1 to 5.3	Noted. The Committee is unhappy that the Lead Agency has not yet been set up in accordance with the Committee's letter number 16/2016/CoRS dated 24 <sup>th</sup> November, 2016 and observes that a decision on the proposal sent by the Transport Commissioner, vide his letter dated 30th May, 2017, to the Principal Secretary (Transport) for establishing a Lead Agency should be taken at an early date and a copy of the order or notification setting up the Lead Agency should be endorsed to the Committee.
5	6.1 & 6.2	The Committee is unhappy that a non lapsable Road Safety Fund has not yet been set up in accordance with the Committee's letter number 16/2016/CoRS dated 24 <sup>th</sup> November, 2016 and desires that a copy of the Draft Road Safety Fund Rules presently under consideration of the State Government should be sent to the Committee.
6	7.1 to 7.3 and 8.1 & 8.2	The Committee notes that the State has detected 15226 traffic law violations (excluding helmet and seat belt violations) in the second quarter (April-June) of 2017 and has taken action for suspension of licenses only in about 13% cases (1974 out of 15226 violations detected). The Committee also notes that in case of helmet and seat belt law violations, the State has counselled only about 26% violators.  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 18 <sup>th</sup> August, 2015 and 17 <sup>th</sup> November, 2015 regarding suspension of driving

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		licenses for the specified offences.
7	9.1 & 9.2	Noted. It appears that compensation was paid only in one case during the period 2013 – 2015. The Committee notes that in the years 2013, 2014 and 2015, there were 157, 111 and 108 fatalities in hit and run cases and desires that the status of payments made in these cases should be intimated to the Committee.
8	10.1 to 10.4	The Committee notes that the Public Works and the Village Development Departments have issued guidelines for audit of projects costing more than Rs. ten crores and directs that these Departments should ensure that the Committee's directions dated 3 <sup>rd</sup> August, 2016 are actually implemented on ground. The Lead Agency should pursue the matter with Border Roads Organization and ensure that the HQ, DGBR, implements the Committee's directions dated 3 <sup>rd</sup> August, 2016.
9	11.1 to 11.4	Noted. The Committee notes that the State has asked all concerned to comply with the Committee's directions dated 27 <sup>th</sup> December, 2016 regarding detention of vehicles found plying without valid 3rd party insurance and directs that quarterly progress reports should be sent to the Committee in the prescribed proforma.
10	12.1 to 12.3	The Committee desires that the timeframe within which the State Government plans to set up sensor based driving tracks should be intimated to the Committee.
11	-	The Committee desires that quarterely compliance reports on implementation of Committee's directions issued vide its letter No.15/2016/CoRS dated 11.04.2017 regarding fitment of speed governors on transport vehicles should be sent to the Committee by due dates.
12	-	The Lead Agency should place the above directions issued by the Committee 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 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2017.

Yours faithfully,

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(S.D. Banga) Secretary to the Committee



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