

# COMMITTEE ON ROAD SAFETY

(Constituted by the Supreme Court of India)  
Court

S. D. BANGA  
SECRETARY

**BY SPEED POST**  
**No.44/CoRS/2014**

Dated, the 26<sup>th</sup> April, 2016.

To

**The Transport Commissioner,  
Government of Uttarakhand,  
Kulhan, Shatradhara Road,  
Dehradun  
(Shri S. Ramaswamy : Email- transportdeptuk@gmail.com)**

**Sub:** Committee on Road Safety- Furnishing of compliance report - reg

Sir,

Kindly refer to the email dated 2<sup>nd</sup> April, 2016 from Transport Department, Government of Uttarakhand, furnishing the compliance report relating to the directions of the Committee on Road Safety sought by the Committee vide its letter dated 28<sup>th</sup> December, 2016.

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

<b><u>Item No.</u></b>	<b><u>Observation of the Committee</u></b>
(i)	Noted.
(ii)	Noted. The Committee expresses its disappointment that the State Road Safety Council has met only once in 2015 (on 23.05.2015). The Committee reiterates that the State should hold meetings of the Council at least twice a year; and send the minutes of the meetings of the Council and the Action Taken Reports thereon regularly to the Committee.
(iii)	Noted.

(iv)	<p>Noted. The Committee is unhappy that the 'Lead Agency' has not yet been provided with adequate dedicated and professional staff to effectively discharge its functions and directs that the two posts of 'Assistant Directors' be created and filled up by 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2016.</p> <p>Further, the Committee presumes that, with the appointment of two 'Assistant Directors', the 'Lead Agency' will have adequate dedicated and professional staff to effectively discharge its functions. This may be confirmed.</p>
(v) (a)	Noted.
(v) (b)	Noted.
(v) (c)	<p>Noted. The Committee has following observations in this regard:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The Protocol i.e. 'an annual calendar or time table for identification of Black Spots, their rectification and monitoring to check the efficacy of rectification action taken' circulated by Chief Engineer (HQ) to Chief Engineers (Regional Offices of PWD) vide para 4 of his letter dated 23.01.2016, does not fully conform to para v (c) of the Committees' directions dated 28<sup>th</sup> December, 2015. The 'Protocol' neither lists each activity required to be undertaken nor prescribes timelines for each activity nor allocates specific responsibilities to designated authorities. The Committee directs the State to do the needful and send the revised 'Protocol' by 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2016.</li> <li>2. According to the States' Protocol dated 23.01.2016 referred to above, identification of Black Spots for 2016, preparation of estimates for their rectification and approval of those estimates was expected to be completed by March, 2016. It may be confirmed that these activities have been completed by all Regional Offices of PWD.</li> </ol>
(vi)	<p>a) Analysis of the accident data of particular accident prone stretches should be undertaken on all National &amp; State Highways and MDRs. This activity together with taking traffic calming measures on roads merging in or diverging from the National/State Highways should also be undertaken every year.</p>
(vii)	<p>Noted. The Committee desires that the State should ensure that the construction work of any project involving road safety in the State, irrespective of the source of funds, is allowed to start only after road safety audit is conducted, by a third party, at design stage and recommendations of the design stage Auditors are implemented.</p>




	Road Safety audit should be conducted at construction and operational stages also.
(viii)	<p>a) Noted. Wearing of helmet by the pillion riders be made compulsory in the State by 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2016.</p> <p>b) Verified data for the year 2015 regarding fatalities on account of drunk driving and over speeding may be sent to the Committee by 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2016.</p> <p>c) Noted.</p>
(ix)	Noted. This should be a continuous process.
(x)	<p>a) Timelines for preparation of Land Plans of road and road side and its notification in accordance with Uttarakhand Road Infrastructure Protection Act, 2014 may be drawn and intimated to the Committee. The State should also explain the applicability of Road Side Land Control Act to the removal of encroachments on pedestrian path.</p> <p>b) Specific action taken by the State in accordance with Street Vendors (Protection of Livelihood &amp; Regulation of Street Vending) Act 2014 for removal of illegal encroachments on pedestrian path may be intimated to the Committee.</p>
(xi)	Copy of the Draft Action Plan stated to have been enclosed with the email dated 02.04.2016, has not been found enclosed. A copy thereof may be provided.
(xii)	<p>a) Please confirm that the instructions issued to all Cinema Hall Owners to show a short film/clip of about 30 seconds duration on road safety before beginning of each show on the lines of the film shown on tobacco are being complied with by the Cinema Hall operators.</p> <p>b) Noted. Further progress in the matter may be intimated to the Committee.</p>
(xiii)	Noted.
(xiv)	Noted. An up-to-date Action Taken Report in this regard may be sent to the Committee by 30 <sup>th</sup> June, 2016.

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3. You are requested to kindly take action as advised above and forward a comprehensive compliance report to the Committee in respect of all the directions by 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2016.

Yours faithfully,



(S.D. Banga)

Copy to: The Chief Secretary, Government of Uttarakhand, Dehradun.