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To

**The Principal Secretary (Transport)
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Sub: Committee on Road Safety – Meeting held on 11.12.2015 - Furnishing of compliance report - regarding.

Sir,

The measures taken by the Government of Uttarakhand have been reviewed by the Committee in detail in a meeting held on 11th December, 2015. Following discussions, the Committee requested the State overnment to take following action **by 31st March, 2016** or the date specified:

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- i. Finalise its Road Safety Policy **by 31st January, 2016.**
- ii. Send Action Taken Report on the Minutes of the Meeting of the Road Safety Council held on 23.05.2015; continue to hold meetings of the Council at least twice a year; and to invariably send Minutes of the Meetings of the Council and the Action Taken Reports thereon regularly to the Committee.
- iii. Establish the Road Safety Fund, **by 31st March, 2016**, and credit a certain percentage of cess and compounding fees & fines collected from traffic law violators to ensure steady flow of funds for road safety activities.
- iv. Designate a senior officer, duly supported by adequate dedicated professional staff, functioning on full time basis, as the Lead Agency to co-ordinate the activities of the concerned agencies **by 31st January, 2016.** The relevant Office Order or Notification in this regard should be endorsed to the Committee.
- v. a) Finalize and adopt a formal definition of Black Spots for the State Highways and MDRs and intimate the same to the Committee **by 31st March, 2016.**
b) The Lead Agency should coordinate with the concerned agencies in the State and send, **by 31st March, 2016**, a consolidated report on the following:
 1. The status of rectification of the 25 Black Spots identified in 2011 by Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MoRTH) and the status of evaluation of the treated spots; and
 2. Number of Black Spots identified, year-wise, during 2012 to 2015 on NHs, SHs and MDRs and the status of rectification and evaluation of the treated spots.
- c) Draw up a 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. The calendar should prescribe a time table for instituting the exercise(s) for identification of Black Spots; identification of specific cause(s) responsible for

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frequent accidents at a particular Black Spot; finding solution(s) for the Spot; and monitoring to assess the efficacy of rectification action taken. The calendar or time table should allocate specific responsibilities to designated authorities and be drawn **by 31st March, 2016.**

- vi. a) Carry out an analysis of the accident data of particular accident prone stretches of roads to decide the nature of traffic/speed calming measure to be applied at those spots/stretches and take those measures.
b) Take traffic calming measures, on priority basis, on roads merging in or diverging from the National and State Highways.
- vii. a) Ensure that Road Safety Audit at design, construction and operational stages is carried out to ensure user friendly road network. The Audit should be carried out by a third party.
b) Train a large number of highway engineers in road safety and utilize the services of trained Highway Engineers as master trainers.
- viii. a) Wearing of helmet by the pillion riders be made compulsory in the State **by 31st January, 2016.**
b) Verify the veracity of the data regarding fatalities on account of drunk driving and over speeding for the year 2015 sent by the State to MoRTH and intimate the same to the Committee.
c) Strictly enforce the Committees' directions dated 18.08.2015 in regard to certain traffic offences including drunken driving, over speeding, red light jumping, use of mobiles and helmet/seat belt etc throughout the State and send the compliance report to the Committee by the stipulated date.
- ix. Take effective steps to ensure that all hoarding and objects located within a distance of 100 meters from National and State Highways that obstruct driving or distract drivers are removed and send a status report in this regard.
- x. Send a status note on the following:
 - a) Action taken by PWD in accordance with Uttarakhand Road Infrastructure Protection Act, 2014, and Road Side Land Control Act.
 - b) Action taken in accordance with Street Vendors (Protection of Livelihood & Regulation of Street Vending) Act 2014 for removal of illegal


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encroachments on pedestrian path and send an Action Taken Report in this regard **by 31st March, 2016.**

- xi. Prepare the Action Plan and submit the same to MoRTH with a copy to the Committee **by 31st March, 2016.**
- xii. a) Issue instructions 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.
b) Take appropriate steps to sensitize school children about road safety issues.
- xiii. Send a status note on the status of emergency care services for road accident victims in the State including the number of Trauma Centers, district hospitals, availability of necessary equipments and doctors and paramedics therein, ambulances (details of Advance Life Support Ambulances and Basic Life Support Ambulances separately), the response time of ambulances, the average time taken to take the accident victim to the hospital, spread and reach i.e. area covered by Government ambulances, setting up of a universal access number for ambulances, etc.
- xiv. Shift all liquor shops beyond 100 meters from NHs/SHs send a status report to the Committee.

2. 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 31st March, 2016** or the specified date.

Yours faithfully,



(S.D. Banga)

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Secretary

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