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Sub: Meeting with the Committee on Road Safety– Request for Compliance report

Sir,

The Supreme Court Committee on Road Safety convened a meeting on 18th April, 2017 with the Government of Uttarakhand to review the status of the implementation by the State Govt. of the directions issued by the Committee from time to time.

2. The issues discussed and the observations made by the Committee in the meeting are listed below briefly:

- (i) The Committee noted with concern that the number of road related fatalities in the State has increased from 913 in 2015 to 962 in 2016 i.e. an increase of 49 fatalities. Similarly, the number of accidents and injuries has also gone up. The Committee asked the State to analyse the causes for high number of accidents and fatalities and take specific measures to arrest the increasing trend and bring about a reduction of at least 10% in the current year.
- (ii) The Committee was also disappointed to note that the fatalities in the first quarter of 2017 have increased by 5 % over the corresponding period of



2016 which shows that no effective measures have been adopted by the state officials to curb the increase in number of road fatalities. **The Committee stated that the data on accidents and fatalities should be sent on a quarterly basis and the Committee would review this data every quarter.**

- (iii) The Committee was dissatisfied with the wrongful compilation of the data on fatalities on account of over-speeding and drunk driving. It was directed that the State should look into the correctness of the published data particularly relating to fatalities and submit correct report to the Committee.
- (iv) It was informed that the State Road Safety Council headed by the Transport Minister will meet in the month of May 2017. The Committee stated that its minutes along with action taken report of the previous meeting should be forwarded to the Committee immediately after the meeting.
- (v) The Committee also noted that the State has not yet constituted a Lead Agency in accordance with the Committee's letter number 16/2016/CoRS dated 24th November, 2016 and directed that the Lead Agency should be set up without further delay.
- (vi) The State officials informed that they are in the process of constituting Road Safety Fund with the contribution from the budget and 25% of the fines/compounding fee. The Committee directed that the Fund should also be set up within next 3 months' time.
- (vii) The Committee noted with displeasure that its directions issued vide letter dated 18th August, 2015 are not being implemented and the licenses are not being suspended for traffic offences as contained therein. The Committee directed the State officials to implement the directions strictly and forward the quarterly reports on this to the Committee regularly.
- (viii) The Committee observed that a large number of accidents are occurring due to non-wearing of helmets both by main and pillion riders and said that the helmet laws should be enforced strictly throughout the State in an effective manner. The Committee also desired the State to ensure that only the helmets conforming to BIS norms are sold in the State.
- (ix) The Committee observed that the number of 'hit and run' cases in the State is quite high and said that the State Govt. should set up Solatium Fund to compensate the victims.
- (x) The Committee directed that it's direction dated 3rd August, 2016 regarding road safety audit in respect of projects costing more than Rs.10.00 cr. should be implemented by the concerned authorities. The



State should also ensure that road safety furniture is provided at all the construction sites within the State.

- (xi) The Committee directed the State to periodically check whether the vehicle owners have 3rd party insurance cover in case of failure of which the vehicle should be detained till the valid Insurance Certificate is produced by the owner.
- (xii) The Committee directed the officials to initiate action to construct adequate number of sensor based driving tracks for issue of permanent driving licenses to reduce human discretion.

3. The Committee stated that all the above directions should be complied with by the State and a comprehensive compliance report be forwarded to the Committee within next 3 months or time indicated in the item.

With regards,

Yours sincerely



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