

Minutes of meeting of State Road Safety Council held on 22.12.2020 under the Chairmanship of Sh. Mool Chand Sharma, Hon'ble Transport Minister, Haryana.

Meeting of the State Road Safety Council was held on 22.12.2020 at 03:00 PM at Haryana Niwas, Sector 3, Chandigarh under the Chairmanship of Sh. Mool Chand Sharma, Hon'ble Transport Minister, Haryana. The list of participants is enclosed at Annexure-A.

Various agenda items were deliberated in detail and decisions taken as under:-

1. Confirmation of the Minutes of last council meeting held on 1.10.2020.

As no comments or suggestions have been received from any department/member., the council confirmed the minutes.

2. Review of the Action taken report on the decision taken in the last Meeting.

Action taken report was reviewed Department-wise and decisions taken as under:-

I. NATIONAL HIGHWAYS AUTHORITY OF INDIA (NHAI)

- a. The Chairman expressed concern at the large pendency of 90 accident prone points. After detailed deliberations, it was decided that NHAI shall review all pending accident-prone points with data from the police and submit an updated list along with deadline for completion of remedial action separately for each accident-prone point, after obtaining necessary internal approval, by 15.01.2021 positively.
- b. The Chairman directed NHAI to install 62 rumble strips on highways identified by Police Department and also 22 pending rumble strips identified by NHAI by 15.01.2021.
- c. The Chairman directed NHAI to install pending road signages, road marking, cat eyes and delineators till 31.03.2021.
- d. The Chairman directed NHAI to construct pending 3 foot over bridges at the earliest. On this, RO, NHAI assured the Chairman that they will construct the three pending FOBs by 31.03.2021.
- e. The Chairman directed NHAI to install one traffic light pending on their part at the earliest. On this, RO, NHAI assured the Chairman that they will install the same till 31.01.2021.
- f. The Chairman further directed NHAI to rectify their 40 pending vulnerable road segments at the earliest. NHAI shall submit deadline for completion of work at each location separately by 15.01.2021.
- g. NHAI was also directed to send point wise deadline for completion of work on each black spot by 15.01.2021.
- h. The Chairman directed NHAI to put in their best efforts for reduction of fatalities so that the annual target of 20% reduction in fatalities vis-à-vis 2019 figures may be achieved.
- i. RO, NHAI apprised the house that NHAI deploys patrolling vehicles through concessionaire after commissioning of the project. The Chairman directed him to review this stipulation and deploy patrolling vehicles during construction phase as well. Principal Secretary, Transport also asked RO, NHAI to increase the number of patrolling vehicles as per the norm of one vehicle per 50 kilometers of road length. He also asked NHAI to furnish data of daily calls being handled by their patrolling vehicles to Police department as per the decision taken in the last meeting.

- j. Principal Secretary, Transport emphasized on the need to integrate the functioning of the Police toll free no. 1073 and NHAI toll free no. 1033. NHAI and Police department shall examine this issue and take appropriate action. Principal Secretary, Transport also directed NHAI to ensure compliance of the decisions taken in the last meeting with regard to educational qualification of the staff at the toll plazas and wearing of uniform by them.
- k. The Chairman directed NHAI to organise proper traffic management and road safety at all their construction sites strictly as per IRC guidelines.
- l. **NHAI shall set target for each Project Director and officers working under his control in terms of number of fatalities, ensure training of their engineers and those of their concessionaires and conduct internal audit of 100% length of national highways every year as per the decisions taken on agenda items No. 3 to 5 below, and send compliance report to the Lead Agency.**
- m. The Chairman highlighted the fact that National Highways tend to divide local communities by making movement of people from one side to another very difficult. Foot over bridges built to facilitate cross movement are not very popular and do not achieve the intended purpose. Underpass at the ground level is a much better solution. Therefore, NHAI was advised to provide underpasses in the state to meet local need. The list of locations where underpasses are required will be compiled and provided to NHAI for the purpose.

(Action by NHAI)

II. PUBLIC WORKS (B&R) DEPARTMENT:-

- a. The Chairman directed PWD (B&R) to rectify pending 6 accident prone points at the earliest and submit deadline for each accident prone point separately for better monitoring. ACS, PWD (B&R) assured the Chairman that the pending accident prone points would be rectified on priority and that deadline for each accident prone point would be submitted by 15.01.2021.
- b. The Chairman directed PWD (B&R) to install 294 rumble strips/speed breakers identified by the Police Department by 31.01.2021.
- c. The Chairman directed PWD (B&R) to install pending road signages, road marking, cat eyes and delineators by 31.03.2021.
- d. The Chairman directed PWD (B&R) to do their best efforts for reduction of fatalities so that the annual target of 20% reduction in fatalities may be achieved.
- e. The Chairman directed PWD (B&R) to give target of installation of streetlights on NHs, SHs, MDRs and ODRs and install pending street lights by 31.08.2021.
- f. The Chairman directed PWD (B&R) to rectify their 14 pending vulnerable road segments by 31.01.2021 and to improve their pending 37 junctions by 31.03.2021 positively.
- g. The Chairman directed PWD (B&R) to complete the work on pending 18 black spots by 31.05.2021 and also send point wise deadline for completion of work on each black spot.
- h. Sh. Sushil Arya with the permission of chair showed slides of some accident prone points having low tree branches or blocked view because of unauthorized constructions near intersections. On this, The Chairman

directed the Forest department and PWD B&R to trim tree branches and remove unauthorized constructions.

- i. The Chairman directed NHAI to organise proper traffic management and road safety at all their construction sites strictly as per IRC guidelines.
- l. **PWD B&R shall set target for each XEN and SDO in terms of reduction in fatalities, ensure their training with assistance from the Lead Agency and conduct internal audit of 100% of their roads every year as per the decisions taken on agenda items No. 3 to 5 below and send compliance report to the Lead Agency.**

(Action to be taken by PWD(B&R) Department)

III. URBAN LOCAL BODIES (ULBs):-

- a. The department of ULBs was directed to rectify pending 9 accident prone points at the earliest. On this, the Nodal officer of ULBs assured the Chairman to rectify their pending accident-prone points by January, 2021 and that they would also provide deadline for each accident prone point.
- b. The Chairman directed ULBs to install 27 rumble strips/speed breakers identified by the Police Department and further directed to install pending category and delineators by 31.01.2021.
- c. The Chairman directed ULB to install the pending traffic light at the earliest. Nodal officer assured the Chairman that they would install the same by 31.01.2021.
- d. The Chairman directed ULB to do their best efforts for reduction of fatalities so that the annual target of 20% reduction in fatalities may be achieved.
- e. The Chairman directed ULBs to give target and number for installation of street lights and also directed to rectify their 120 pending vulnerable road segments by 31.01.2021.
- f. The Nodal officer of ULBs apprised the house that they have improved all their 102 junctions. On this, Principal Secretary, Transport suggested that they must get 3rd party audit of these junctions conducted as per IRC guidelines. The Chairman approved the same.

(Action to be taken by ULBs)

IV. HARYANA STATE AGRICULTURE MARKETING BOARD (HSAMB):-

- a. HSAMB has completed 99% work of the construction of rumble strips/speed breakers. The Chairman appreciated the same and directed HSAMB to install the pending 3 rumble strips/speed breakers identified by Police Department and 42 identified by their own department by 31.01.2021.
- b. The Chairman directed HSAMB to complete their pending work regarding road signages, road markings and removal of dangerous road side objects by 31.01.2021. On this, the representative of HSAMB assured the Chairman that they will do it positively by 31.01.2021.
- c. Principal Secretary, Transport directed HSAMB to improve their pending 5 junctions by 31.01.2021 positively and further directed to do their best efforts for reduction of fatalities so that the annual target of 20% reduction in fatalities could be achieved.

- d. The representative of HSAMB informed the House that they are conducting road safety audit on their road network and the RFP has been uploaded on e-tender website and the same was likely to be finalized in the month of January, 2021. Further, the work was targeted to be completed in the FY2021-22. For this purpose, they have submitted a proposal for funds to the Lead Agency for conducting third party audit. On this, Principal Secretary, Transport directed HSAMB to provide a copy of the RFP to the Lead Agency and the Lead Agency would process and submit the proposal for funds to the competent authority for early decision.
- e. **Lastly, it was decided that HSAMB shall ensure compliance of the decisions taken on agenda items No. 3 to 5 below relating to setting of targets for each field officer in terms of number of fatalities, their training and conduct of internal audit of 100% of their road network every year.**

(Action to be taken by HSAMB)

V. GURUGAM METROPOLITAN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (GMDA):-

- a. Sh. V.S. Kundu ACS-cum-CEO, GMDA apprised the house that out of 4 traffic lights related to their department, 2 have been installed and remaining 2 are not feasible.
- b. He further assured the Chairman to rectify their pending accident-prone points by 31.01.2021.
- c. The Chairman, as per the decisions taken on agenda items No. 3 to 5 below, directed the GMDA to set targets of their officers in terms of reduction in fatalities, ensure their training in driving regulations and road safety audit and carry out 100% audit of their road network and take remedial action on annual basis.

(Action to be taken by GMDA)

VI. HARYANA SHEHRI VIKAS PRADHIKARAN (HSVP):-

- a. HSVP has completed the construction of 100% rumble strips/speed breakers as per the target. The Chairman directed it to install pending road signages, road markings and delineators by 31.01.2021. The Police Department will cross check the progress and send the status report to the Lead Agency.
- b. The Chairman further directed the GMDA to set targets of their officers in terms of reduction in fatalities, ensure their training in driving regulations and road safety audit and carry out 100% audit of their road network and take remedial action on annual basis, in line with the decisions taken on agenda items No. 3 to 5 below.

(Action to be taken by HSVP Department)

VII. HARYANA VIDYUT PRASARAN NIGAM LTD (HVPNL):-

- a. Chief Engineer (TS) Panchkula assured the House that HVPN would shift the dangerous tower at Kamani Chowk, Yamunanagar within 3 months after deposit of estimated cost by PWD B&R positively. Principal Secretary, Transport directed EIC, PWD(B&R) to give their consent pending

the administrative approval for the work, so that HVPNL could float the tender immediately.

(Action to be taken by HVPNL & PWD(B&R) Department)

VIII. STATE TRANSPORT:-

Principal Secretary, Transport directed State Transport to construct/shift the bus stop at nearby suitable place, so that the accident-prone point may be removed. In case no suitable land is available, possibility of removal of the bus stop be examined.

(Action to be taken by State Transport)

IX. EXCISE & TAXATION DEPARTMENT:-

The Chairman expressed displeasure on the reply of Excise department regarding removal of liquor shops and Ahatas from highways. DGP apprised the house that there were reports of many illegal liquor shops on highways and that Excise department had not provided the list of locations of liquor vends to the Police department for verification. On this, the Chairman directed the Excise department to provide the list of locations of liquor shops to the Police Department at the earliest, so that illegal vends could be identified and removed.

(Action to be taken by Excise & Taxation Department)

X. DEVELOPMENT AND PANCHAYATS DEPARTMENT:-

Transport Commissioner informed that only one accident prone point related to the Development & Panchayats department and in the review meeting held on 15.12.2020, the decision was already taken that PWD(B&R) would install the traffic light on this location.

(Action to be taken by PWD(B&R) Department)

XI. HSIIDC:-

- a. The representative of HSIIDC informed that they had completed the road safety work on KMP Expressway and also conducted audit of the same. On this, the Chairman directed HSIIDC to submit copy of the audit report as well as the compliance report to the Lead Agency.
- b. Principal Secretary, Transport directed HSIIDC to install the pending 1500 street lights on KMP Expressway by 31.03.2021.
- c. Principal Secretary, Transport also apprised the house that weighing scales and weigh bridges to be installed at the toll plazas on KMP expressway have been procured but the same are yet to be installed. On this, the Chairman directed HSIIDC to install the weighingscales, one per lane, and weigh bridges on the KMP toll plazas at the earliest.
- d. The Chairman further directed the HSIIDC to set targets of their engineers and those of the concessionaire in terms of number of fatalities, ensure their training in driving regulations as well as road safety audit and carry out 100% audit of the Expressway every year and take remedial action, in line with the decisions taken on agenda items No. 3 to 5 below.

(Action to be taken by HSIIDC)

XII. POLICE Department:-

- a. The Chairman directed the Police department to check and physically verify the work done on accident prone points, black spots, installation of rumble strips/speed breakers, road signages, road markings, cat eyes, delineators, traffic lights and street lights by each road owning department/agency and send the status report to the Lead Agency on regular basis.
- b. He also directed the Police department to identify new accident prone points, black spots, vulnerable road segments/junctions and new locations where rumble strips/speed breakers, traffic lights, street lights and other traffic control devices are required and send the department wise list to the Lead Agency and departments concerned for rectification.
- c. The Chairman directed Police department to physically check the location of liquor shops on the highways as per the list to be provided by the Excise department and take necessary action accordingly.
- d. The Chairman further directed the Police department to identify locations on the highways where underpass is required and send the list to the Lead agency to be taken up with the department concerned.
- e. He also exhorted them to put in their best effort for reduction of fatalities by 20% in the year 2021.
- f. The Chairman directed Police department to strengthen traffic police as per BPRD norms & improve enforcement of traffic laws and report to Lead Agency.
- g. The Chairman directed Police department for laying special emphasis on strict enforcement on the issue of over speeding, use of helmet & seat belt, use of mobile phone, drunken driving and underage driving. District wise data of number of challans, fine imposed and realized against these offences may be put up hence forth in the road safety meetings.
- h. DGP asked all road owning departments to install trauma care display boards 1 K.M. before the location so that people should know. The Chairman approved the suggestion.

(Action to be taken by Police Department)

XIII. TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT:-

- a. The Chairman directed the Lead Agency to issue directions to all DCs and RTAs to convene District Road Safety Committee (DRSC) meetings regularly on monthly basis and also send minutes of the meeting to the Lead Agency regularly.
- b. The Chairman further directed that an officer of the Lead Agency/Transport department shall attend every DRSC meeting through video conferencing. DCs/DTOs shall choose the venue of the DRSC meetings having necessary facility for video conferencing for the purpose.
- c. The Lead Agency will organize training for the engineers of PWD B&R in road safety audit through IRTE as per the request received from EIC PWD B&R in the meeting held on 15.12.2020. Five such courses will be organized to begin with, and the expenditure will be incurred from the Road Safety fund. Further request for training will be considered on case to case basis.

- d. Transport Commissioner apprised the house that they have purchased 45 weigh bridges to check overloading. The Chairman directed Transport Department to do their best efforts for reduction of fatalities, so that the annual target of 20% reduction in fatalities vis-à-vis 2019 figures may be achieved. Target of each DRSC shall also be fixed in terms of number of fatalities in the district at 20% less than the 2019 figures.
- e. The Chairman directed Transport Department to prepare the scheme u/s 135 of Motor Vehicle Act at the earliest.
- f. The Chairman directed the Lead Agency to collect the compliance report from RTAs regarding reflectors/reflective tapes on tractor-trolleys and on the horns of stray animals.

(Action to be taken by Transport Department)

XIV. Education Department:-

- a. The Education Department has informed that the inclusion of chapters on road safety in the curriculum of D.Ed and Teacher Training programs will be implemented from the next session. On this, the Chairman directed to report compliance at the earliest and also directed Education Department that they will continue the awareness programs on the issues related to overloading of school buses and underage driving of motorized vehicles.

(Action to be taken by Education Department)

XV. Mines & Geology Department:-

Mines & Geology department has informed that the e-Rawana software will be completed by 28.12.2020 and thereafter 4 months shall be taken for obtaining security certificate. The Chairman directed it to do the needful at the earliest.

(Action to be taken by Mines & Geology Department)

XVI. Health Department: -

The representative of NRHM assured the Chairman that mapping of private ambulances will be implemented within 2 months after receipt the funds.

(Action to be taken by Health Department)

XVII. Forest Department:-

In the meeting, the representative of the Forest Department apprised the house that there are 60 quick response teams in their department for Tree trimming and that if there were any identified location by any department or individual requiring the services of these teams then they must provide the list to the Forest department and needful would be done. On this, the Chairman directed him to furnish the list of these teams along with their designation and contact numbers to the Police department, DRSCs and the Lead Agency. He also directed the Police Department to identify such locations, where the visibility on the T-junctions/roads is blocked due to trees/bushes and send the list of such locations to the DRSC/concerned Forest team for trimming so that the visibility can be improved.

(Action to be taken by Police/Forest Department/DRSCs)

3. Target Fixing.

The proposal to fix annual target for the District Road Safety Committee and the field officers of all road owning departments as well as enforcement agencies in terms of fatalities, keeping in view the target reduction of 20% vis-a-vis the number of fatalities in year 2019, was deliberated and the House approved the same. It was further decided that the Police Department shall provide the requisite data of accidents along with location to the DRSC and also each department/agency to enable them in fixing the target. This shall be done by third week of January, 2021 positively.

(Action to be taken by all Stakeholder departments/DRSCs)

4. Capacity Building.

The proposal that all stakeholder departments shall organize training of their officers and staff at the cutting edge in the Motor Vehicle Driving Regulations 2017 framed by the Central Government (MoRTH). Was deliberated and approved. Further, it was also decided that all road owning departments shall ensure capacity building of their field engineers especially in the rank of JE, AE, XEN and SEs/PDs by arranging training in road safety audit as per IRC:88-2010 (Manual of Road Safety Audit).

(Action to be taken by all road owning departments)

5. Road Safety Audit.

It was decided that as per the directions of the Hon'ble Supreme Court Committee on Road Safety, all road owning departments/agencies shall conduct road safety audit of 100% of their roads every year and take necessary remedial steps in a time bound manner to minimize road traffic accidents.

(Action to be taken by all road owning departments)

6. Model Road Stretch.

Principal Secretary, Transport proposed that all road owning departments including NHAI, with the approval of DRSC, shall select one road stretch of approx. 5 K.M. length in each district and develop it as a model road segment in terms of road engineering, road markings, signages, junction design, traffic lights etc. as per relevant IRC codes. The Chairman approved the proposal. Further, the Chairman also directed that the selected stretch of the road should have good mix of various features like intersection/junction, traffic light etc. and should be accident prone.

(Action to be taken by all road owning departments/DRSCs)

7. Officers to be deputed in the Lead Agency.

Principal Secretary, Transport apprised the house that PWD (B&R), ULB, Police, Education and Planning department have not deputed their full time officers in the Lead Agency as per the directions of Hon'ble Supreme Court Committee on Road Safety. On this, the Chairman directed all concerned departments to depute the officers in Lead Agency by 31.12.2020 positively.

(Action to be taken by PWD (B&R), ULB, Police, Education and Planning deptt)

8. **Integrated Road Accident Database(iRAD).**

Principal Secretary, Transport apprised the house that the Police, Transport, PWD(B&R), NHAI and Health Department are yet to depute Nodal Officer as single point of contact (SPoC) and send relevant information to the Lead Agency in terms of the DO letter dt. 1.09.2020 of Secretary, MoRTH (copy already provided with the agenda). On this, the Chairman directed the concerned departments to provide the above information to the Lead Agency by 28.12.2020, so that their names can be sent to MoRTH for developing iRAD software.

(Action to be taken by Police, Transport, PWD(B&R), NHAI and Health Deptt)

At the end, the Chairman exhorted all stakeholder departments to ensure compliance of the above decisions in letter and spirit as well as ensure strict enforcement of traffic laws. All the stakeholders departments should have proper coordination and should complete the given targets sincerely with the stipulated time period in the interest of safety of road users, so that the target of 20% less fatalities can be achieved.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair and all participants.
