



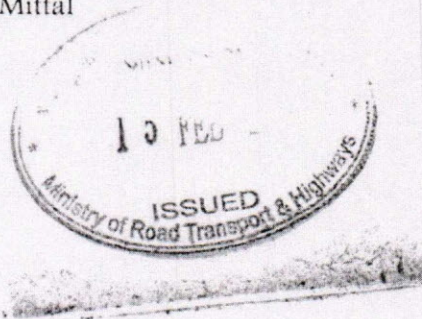
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BY SPEED POST

No.31/CoRS/2014

Dated: 15th Febryary, 2016.

To

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Sub: Committee on Road Safety- Follow up action on Committees' directions dated 17th November, 2015 - Regarding.

Sir,

Kindly refer to the letter dated 31st December, 2015 from Additional Transport Commissioner (Road Safety), Government of Haryana, furnishing the compliance report on the directions of the Committee on Road Safety sought by the Committee vide its letter dated 17th November, 2015.

2. The measures taken by you have been examined by the Committee in detail. The Committee should take action on the following observations by the dates stipulated dates:

| <u>Item No</u> | <u>Observation of the Committee</u> |
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| i. | Finalize the State Road Safety Policy by 31st March, 2016. |

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| ii. | The Council has met only once in 2015. The Committee reiterates its direction dated 13 th July, 2015 that the State should ensure that the meetings of the State Road Safety Council are held at least twice a year and Minutes of the meeting and Action Taken Reports are sent to the Committee regularly. |
| iii | The Committee reiterates its direction dated 23 rd December, 2015, 25 th May, 2015, 13 th July, 2015 and 17 th November, 2015 that the Road Safety Fund be set up. The Committee directs the State to set up the Road Safety Fund (and notify the Rules), by 31st March, 2016 , and credit a certain percentage compounding fees & fines collected from traffic law violators to ensure steady flow of funds for road safety activities. |
| iv. | The staff proposed for the Lead Agency does not seem to have the necessary domain knowledge and professional competence to deal with the Road Safety matters. One post of Additional Transport Commissioner created for the Road Safety Cell may be filled up quickly and additional support staff having the required domain knowledge should be posted to support the Additional Transport Commissioner. The relevant Office Order or Notification in this regard should be endorsed to the Committee. |
| v. | The Committee reiterates its direction dated 23 rd December, 2015, 25 th May, 2015, 13 th July, 2015 and 17 th November, 2015 that the State should finalise its Road Safety Action Plan. The Committee directs the State to finalize its Road Safety Action Plan by 31st March, 2016 . Needless to reiterate that the Plan should provide year wise targets with their inter se priorities, human and financial resources required to achieve the targets, the nodal agencies for each activity mentioned. It should also contain targets for reduction of road accidents and fatalities and the strategy the State proposes to adopt to achieve those targets. |
| vi.(a) | The Committee reiterates its direction dated 23 rd December, 2015, 25 th May, 2015, 13 th July, 2015 and 17 th November, 2015 that the State should draw up a Protocol for Black Spots. The State has not yet drawn the Protocol as directed by the Committee earlier. The State should 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 frequent accidents at a particular Black Spot; finding solution(s) for the Spot; their rectification 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 31 st March, 2016. |

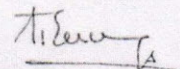
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| (b) | Please confirm that the definition of Black Spots communicated by Ministry of Road Transport and Highways vide their letter No.MR-17018/1/2015-TRW (Pt) dated 30 TH December, 2015 is being used for identifying the Black Spots on State Highways and MDRs also. Please send a list of Black Spots, prepared in pursuance of MoRTH letter dated 30 th December, 2015 referred to above, separately for National Highways, State Highways and MDRs to the Committee. |
| (c) | <p>The information provided by the Government of Haryana on Black Spots identified during 2011 to 2015 etc suffers from following infirmities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Figures of Black Spots identified in 2012 and 2013 provided in paras 5(1.1), 5(1.3) and 5(1.4) of State Governments' reply dated 31.12.2015 do not tally. Please also indicate the status of rectification of balance Black Spots. ➤ A perusal of the list of 25 Black Spots indicates that 9 of 25 Black Spots are still to be treated and treatment of 8 of 25 Black Spots appears to be ineffective. <p>The Lead Agency should coordinate with the concerned agencies in the State and send a consolidated report, duly verified by the Lead Agency, to the Committee on the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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. |
| vii. | Please indicate a timeframe within which the State shall create the additional posts and recruit the staff there against. |
| viii. | <p>The State has not taken any action on the following.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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. <p>The State is directed to take action on the above and send a report on action taken by it by 31st March, 2016. ✓</p> |

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| ix. | <p>a) Ensure that the construction work 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. Road Safety audit should be conducted at construction and operational stages also.</p> <p>b) The Committee reiterates that the State should train adequate number of highway engineers in road safety and utilize the services of trained Highway Engineers as master trainers.</p> |
| x | <p>From the report furnished by the State Government, it appears that the implementation of the Committees' directions communicated to the State vide Committees' letters No. F.No.05/2014/CoRS - Part-III dated 18.08.2015 and 17.11.2015 is not very strict. The Committee directs the State to strictly enforce Committees' directions communicated to the State vide Committees' letters No. F.No.05/2014/CoRS- Part-III dated 18.08.2015 and 17.11.2015 in regard to certain traffic offences. The State should continue to regularly send the compliance reports to the Committee by the stipulated date.</p> |
| xi | <p>The State has taken no steps to remove hoarding and objects that obstruct driving or distract drivers. The Committee directs the State to conduct a survey of all hoardings and objects on National and State Highways that obstruct driving or distract drivers and 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. If necessary, the State should amend its Hoarding Policy, 2010 and ensure compliance with these directions of the Committee.</p> |
| xii | <p>The State should take action in accordance with <u>Street Vendors (Protection of Livelihood & Regulation of Street Vending) Act 2014</u> for removal of illegal encroachments on pedestrian path and send an Action Taken Report in this regard.</p> |
| xiii | <p>The Committee directs that the State should strictly implement the '<u>Surakshit School Vahan Policy, 2014</u>' and take action against errant school buses owners and drivers and send a report on action taken against them.</p> |

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| xiv. | 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 P the lines of the film shown on tobacco are being complied with by the Cinema Hall operators. |
| xv. | A status note on digitization of Driving License data and its upload on a networked computer server may be intimated. |
| xvi. | Action taken by the State on shifting of alcohol vends on National and State Highways has been noted. The outcome of the SLP (C) No. 8971 of 2014 may be intimated to the Committee. |

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 **31st March, 2016.**

Yours sincerely,



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Secretary

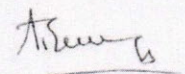
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