

COMMITTEE ON ROAD SAFETY

(Constituted by the Supreme Court of India)

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Dated: 27th April, 2016.

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Sub: Committee on Road Safety- Follow up action on Committees' directions dated 15th February, 2016 - Regarding.

Sir,

Kindly refer to the letter dated 31st March, 2016 from the Additional Transport Commissioner (Road Safety), Government of Haryana, received on 01.04.2016 through email, furnishing the compliance report on the directions of the Committee on Road Safety sought by the Committee vide its letter dated 15th February, 2016.

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>
i.	Noted.

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ii.	<p>Noted. The Committee expresses its disappointment that the State Road Safety Council has met only once in 2015 (on 16.06.2015) despite Committees' directions dated 23.12.2014 and subsequent reminders dated 25.05.2015 13.07.2015, 17.11.2015 and 15.02.2015.</p> <p>The Committee directs that the next meeting of the Council should be held before 31.05.2016 and the minutes thereof should be sent to the Committee by 30.06.2016. The Committee also 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.</p>
iii	<p>Noted. The Committee directs the State to set up the Road Safety Fund (and notify the Rules), by 30th June, 2016.</p>
iv.	<p>The Committee notes that the Additional Transport Commissioner has the additional charge of the Road Safety Cell and expresses its disappointment that only administrative staff has been posted by the State vide its order dated 30.03.2016 to work for the Lead Agency. The Committee reiterates its direction that additional support staff, having the necessary domain knowledge and professional competence to deal with the Road Safety matters, should be posted to support the Lead Agency. The relevant Office Order or Notification in this regard should be endorsed to the Committee.</p>
v.	<p>The Draft Road Safety Action Plan 2015-25 prepared by the State neither provides year wise targets with their inter se priorities, human and financial resources required to achieve the targets, the nodal agencies for each activity mentioned, nor the targets for reduction of road accidents and fatalities and the strategy the State proposes to adopt to achieve those targets, as directed by the Committee vide its letter dated 17.11.2015 and 15.02.2016</p> <p>The Committee directs the State to revise its Road Safety Action Plan accordingly and the revised Action Plan should be submitted directly to MoRTH with a copy to the Committee by 30th June, 2016.</p>
vi.(a)	<p>The State has not drawn up a 'Protocol' as directed by the Committee. The Committee again directs the State Government to comply with the direction given to the State Government vide para (iii) of Committees' letter dated 23.12.2014 and subsequent reminders dated 25.05.2015 13.07.2015, 17.11.2015 and 15.02.2015. Accordingly, a protocol i.e. an annual calendar/time table for instituting the exercise (for identification of Black Spots, identifying factors/causes responsible for accidents, with</p>

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	<p>suggested solution for the Spot), allocation of funds, approval of projects for rectification, and monitoring to assess the efficacy of rectification action taken be drawn. The calendar/time table should allocate specific responsibilities to designated authorities and be drawn by 30th June 2016 and send it to the Committee.</p>
(b) & (c)	<p>The Committee has following observations:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> The information on Black Spots sent by DIG, Traffic & Highways (H), Karnal, to M/o Road Transport & Highways vide his letter dated 21.03.2016 has not been prepared in the proforma prescribed by M/o Road Transport & Highways vide letter No. MR-17018/1/2015-TRW (Pt.) dated the 30th December, 2015 where under data on total number of accidents, grievous injuries and fatalities in respect of each Black Spot for the last three years is required to be provided. The Committee directs that the State should provide this data along with estimated expenditure in a consolidated statement. The data for the last three years in respect a Black Spot should appear in the same row of the statement (either in one or more columns as deemed fit). The information furnished by DIG, Traffic & Highways (H), Karnal, to M/o Road Transport & Highways vide his letter dated 21.03.2016 accounts for only 234 fatalities on 18 Black Spots during the four year period of 2012-15 whereas there have been 4446, 4517, 4483 and 4879 reported fatalities in Haryana in the years 2012, 2013, 2014 and 2015 (provisional for 2015). This indicates that substantial number of Black Spots and related fatalities have not been included in this information. Further, from the data provided, it seems, barring one or two Black Spots, all have been rectified. If it is so, then why fatalities have not gone down at these locations. A complete picture of the status of the Black Spots in the State does not emerge from a perusal of the information/statements on Black Spots sent by the State. The Committee directs that the Lead Agency should coordinate with the concerned agencies in the State and send data on the total number of accidents, grievous injuries and fatalities in respect of Black Spots on National Highways, State Highways, MDRs or Other Roads for the last three years along with estimated expenditure likely to be incurred in their rectification and time frame-work in four separate consolidated statements, one each for National Highways, State Highways, MDRs and Other Roads, to the

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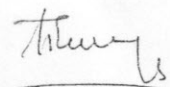
	M/o Road Transport & Highways with a copy to the Committee.
vii.	The State has not furnished categorical information. The State is again directed to indicate a timeframe within which the State shall create the additional posts and recruit the staff there against. Copy of DGP (Haryana) letter dated 10.07.2015 has not been received. A copy thereof may be sent to the Committee.
viii.	<p>Noted. Please intimate the follow-up action taken on the letter issued on 11.02.2016 in this regard.</p> <p>The speed calming measures have to be taken on the roads merging in or diverging from the National and State Highways and not on the National and State Highways. This is to be implemented at these required locations.</p>
ix.	<p>a) It may please be confirmed that the construction work is allowed to start, in the State of Haryana, only after road safety audit is conducted, by a third party, at design stage and recommendations of the design stage Auditor are implemented and that the Road Safety audit is also conducted at construction and operational stages.</p> <p>b) Information on training adequate number of highway engineers in road safety and utilizing their services as master trainers has not been furnished. State may now furnish the same.</p>
x	Noted. The State should continue to regularly send the compliance reports of Committees' letters dated 18.08.2015 and 17.11.2015 to the Committee by the stipulated date.
xi	Noted. Enclosure to letter No. TA/DULB/2016/630 dated 25.03.2016 from Directorate of Urban Local Bodies has not been found enclosed. Copy thereof may be sent to the Committee.
xii	Noted. Specific action taken in accordance with Street Vendors (Protection of Livelihood & Regulation of Street Vending) Act 2014 for removal of illegal encroachments on pedestrian path should be sent to the Committee.

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xiii	Noted.
xiv.	A categorical reply to the Committees' directions has not been provided. The Committee notes that the State has issued orders to all concerned and directs the State to 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.
xv.	Noted. Further progress in digitization of Driving License data and its upload on a networked computer server may be intimated.
xvi.	Noted. The developments in the SLP (C) No. 8971 of 2014 should be intimated to the Committee from time to time.

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 30th June, 2016.

Yours sincerely,



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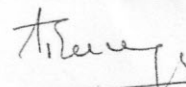
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