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Sub: Committee on Road Safety- Follow up action on Committees' directions - Regarding.

Sir,

Kindly refer to the letter no 586/AT-8/RSB dated 4th January, 2017 from the Transport Commissioner (Haryana) furnishing the compliance report relating to the directions of the Committee on Road Safety sought by the Committee vide its letter dated 14th September, 2016.

2. The Committee regrets to point out that the road accidents and fatalities in the State increased enormously in 2015. From the data given by you upto November, 2016, it appears that these have increased in 2016 as well. The Committee, therefore, directs the State to fix the target for reduction of accidents and fatalities as 10% during 2017; formulate short and long term strategies and implement them on urgent basis to achieve the target.

3. The measures taken by you have been examined by the Committee in detail. The Committee has the following observations:

Item No	Observation of the Committee
i. a)	The road accident data, sent by the State, is officially published every year in 'Road Accidents in India' by M/o Road Transport and Highways

	and is readily available on their website. The data seems inadequate for formulating a strategy for arresting the increase and reducing the fatalities. The Lead Agency should take a view, with the advise of experts having domain knowledge and expertise, on the nature of precise data required by it for formulating the strategy; obtain the specific inputs from the concerned Departments, analyse the inputs and formulate a long term strategy for arresting the increase and reducing the fatalities in the State.
i. b)	<p>A perusal of the letters Memo Nos 75004 dated 24.03.2016 and No. 5605 dated ... (Date/year not readable). would indicate that these letters do not relate to provision of road safety furniture at the construction sites but to black spots in general. The Lead Agency has not examined the issue and has not sent its comments and observations on the issue. The Lead Agency is expected to inform the Committee whether it is satisfied with action taken by the NHAI on PWD's observations.</p> <p>The Lead Agency is also expected to similarly keep an eye on all road construction sites on National Highways, State Highways, MDRs and Other Roads in the State, and ensure that fatalites do not increase on road construction sites for want of road safety furniture during the construction period.</p>
ii.	The Committee noted that the State has finalized its Road Safety Policy.
iii	Noted. The Committee desires that the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 21.12.2016 and the Action Taken Report thereon should be immediately sent to the Committee.
iv.	Reply is vague. In the letter dated 24 th November, 2016, (Copy enclosed at Annexure I), the Committee has directed the States to set up Road Safety Fund which would be non-lapseable and ensure that a steady flow of money accrues to the Fund by diversion of significant portion of the fines/ compounding fee collected from traffic violations. The fund should not be solely dependent on budgetary allocations which may vary according to the financial constraints of the Govt. The Committee directs

	the State to constitute Road Safety Fund accordingly.
v.	Noted. The Committee directs that the State should confirm that the Lead Agency set up by the State meets the requirements stipulated in the Committee's letter No. 16/2016/ CoRS dated 24 th November, 2016 (Copy enclosed at Annexure I).
vi.	Noted. The Committee reiterates that the State should ensure that the revised State Road Safety Action Plan provides year wise targets (for reduction of fatalities and road accidents till 2020, the human and financial resources required to achieve the targets, the nodal agencies for each activity mentioned, and the strategies, both, short term and long term, the State proposes to adopt to achieve those targets. The revised Action Plan should be submitted directly to MoRTH with a copy to the Committee.
vii (a)	The State has not provided the information. The Committee reiterates that the Lead Agency should coordinate with all the concerned road owning/managing agencies, verify the data on ground; prepare separate revised, jurisdiction wise lists of Black Spots (in respect of black spots on NHs, SHs and MDRs under the respective jurisdictions of PWD, NHAI or MoRTH (PIU) or any other road owning/managing agency in the State), in accordance with the M/o Road Transport & Highways letter No. MR-17018/1/2015-TRW (Pt.) dated the 30 th December, 2015 and send the same to the Committee.

vii.(b).	The Lead Agency should similarly prepare jurisdiction wise lists of rectified Black Spots indicating (i) the year wise number of fatalities on these black spots before their rectification; and (ii) the year wise number of fatalities on these black spots after their rectification; and assess whether the rectification measures applied on these black spots were appropriate.
vii.(c)	The Committee directs that, in addition to the Protocol dated 08.09.2016 prepared by the State, each concerned Department or road owning/managing agency in the State, should also prepare, with the approval of its competent authority, its own Calendar of Activities in respect of its area/sphere of work e.g. Police Department may have a role in identification of black spots and their monitoring (after their rectification) but not in their rectification. The Calendar of Activities of each concerned Department or road owning/managing agency in the State should indicate, month wise, the activities to be undertaken by it and should conform to the directions given in para V(a) of Committee's letter dated 03.08.2016. Wherever required, these steps should include preparation of estimate(s), approval of estimates, the work order and sanction of funds. The Lead Agency should coordinate and ensure that each road managing/owning agency and the Police Department should prepare, by 31st March, 2017 , a Calendar of Activities for themselves, in such a manner that the outcomes in their Calendar of Activities dovetails with the timelines fixed, under the Protocol dated 08.09.2016, by the State and District Level Coordination Committees, in order to facilitate effective monitoring by them.
viii.	The Lead Agency is directed to ascertain the action taken by the State Government on the current status of the proposal for augmentation of personnel and equipments for enforcement of traffic laws and intimate the Committee.

ix.	<p>The Committee directs that the State should send the quarterly reports on the implementation of the Committee's directions dated 18.08.2015 and 17.11.2015 on the proforma sent with the Committee's letter number 05/CoRS/2016 dated 24th October, 2016 (Copy enclosed at Annexure II). The report for the quarter ending 31st December, 2016 be forwarded to the Committee on this proforma.</p>
x. a)	<p>A Copy of the order issued by PWD in compliance with Committee's directions dated 3rd August, 2016 regarding road safety audit may be sent to the Committee.</p> <p>HUDA's Memo No. CE/EE(HQ)/SDE/2016/10031 dated 30.06.2016 does not comply with the Committee's directions dated 3rd August, 2016 and 14th September, 2016. The Lead Agency should ensure that HUDA issues appropriate orders regarding road safety audit and send a copy of the order to the Committee.</p> <p>ULB's letter No. TA-1/DULB/2016/89996-90097 dated 23.11.2016 has not been found enclosed. A copy thereof may be sent to the Committee.</p> <p>HSAMB's letter date 23.08.2016 does not provide that the construction of road projects costing more than Rs. 10/- crores should begin only after the recommendations of the design stage auditor are implemented. The Lead Agency should ensure that HSAMB issues appropriate orders in this regard and send a copy the order to the Committee.</p>

x. b)	<p>The Committee is unhappy that PWD (B&R), NHAI, HSAMB & ULB have not yet begun imparting training to their engineers in road safety as directed by the Committee. The Committee desires that HUDA should utilise the services of 10 engineers nominated for training in road safety as Master Trainers after their training.</p> <p>The Committee directs that the Lead Agency should prepare separate training calendars for the years 2017 -18 and 2018 -19 for PWD (B&R), HUDA, NHAI, HSAMB & ULB in consultation with them for training of adequate number of highway engineers in road safety and intimate the Committee.</p>
xi.a)	<p>The reply furnished by the PWD (B&R) is evasive. It does not indicate physical achievements. The Lead Agency should obtain specific information, assess whether the action taken by PWD(B&R) on providing informative boards, delineators, direction signages, cat's eyes, hazard markers and gantry/cantilever boards etc is satisfactory and send its assessment report to the Committee.</p>
b)	<p>The replies furnished by HUDA, PWD (B&R) and ULB are evasive. The Lead Agency should obtain specific information, assess whether the action taken by PWD (B&R) and ULB and HSAMB on speed calming measures on roads merging in or diverging from the NHs & SHs is satisfactory and send its assessment report to the Committee.</p>
c)	<p>A copy of the State Government's orders making affixation of speed governors on all transport vehicles compulsory w.e.f. 01.08.2016 should be sent to the Committee. The rationale for enforcing the decision to make affixation of speed governors on all transport vehicles compulsory w.e.f. the date of issue of fitness certificate instead of 01.08.2016 should be furnished to the Committee by 31st March, 2017.</p>

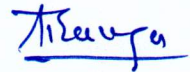
xii.	The Committee noted that the State Government is examining the issue of granting access of the registration data to the Insurance Companies also and desires that a decision should be taken by 31st March, 2017 . Further progress in digitization of driving license and registration data should be reported to the Committee.
xiii.	All liquor shops should be removed from National and State Highways in accordance with the recent Judgement of the Hon'ble Supreme Court.
xiv.	The Committee observed that the turnaround time of accident victims of 53 minutes (i.e. response time of ambulance + time taken to take the victim to nearest health facility) in the State is too high and that the State needs to further improve it.

Other Issues	
xv.	The performance of each District Road Safety Committees should be monitored meticulously on monthly basis and appropriate directions issued to them whenever required. Every effort may be made to ensure 10% reduction of road accidents and fatalities in each District in 2017.
xvi.	As indicated in the Committee's letter number 56/2015/CoRS dated 27 th December, 2016 (Copy enclosed at Annexure III), the State should periodically check the vehicles to see whether the vehicle owners have 3 rd party insurance cover. In case they are not covered by 3 rd party insurance, the vehicle should be detained till such time the valid Insurance Certificate is produced by the vehicle owner.
xvii.	Initiate action to construct sensor based driving tracks in each district for testing driving skills for issue of permanent Driving Licenses.

xviii.	Good Samaritan guidelines should be widely publicized. These guidelines should also be pasted in the police stations and hospitals.
xix.	The Lead Agency should place all the above issues and the directions given by the Committee before State Road Safety Council in its next meeting.

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, 2017.

Yours sincerely,

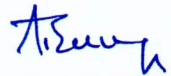


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