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

Sir,

The Supreme Court Committee on Road Safety convened a meeting on 6th April, 2017 with the Government of Haryana 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 expressed its disappointment that the total number of fatalities in the State have gone up from 4879 in 2015 to 5024 in 2016 i.e. an increase of 145 fatalities. The number of accidents has also gone up. The Committee directed the State to analyze the causes for increase in number of accidents and fatalities and take specific measures to bring about 10% decrease in 2017.
- (ii) The Committee was also disappointed to note that the fatalities in the first quarter of 2017 have increased by 3.17 % 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.

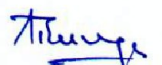
- (iii) The quarterly report submitted clearly showed that the Committee directions dated 18.08.2015 and 17.11.2015 relating to certain offences including drunken driving, over speeding, red light jumping and helmet/seat belt are not being enforced in the State. The Committee directed the State to strictly enforce them and send regular report to the Committee.
- (iv) The State Government was directed to ensure that the Council meets at least twice a year and to regularly send minutes of the meeting and the Action Taken Report thereon to the Committee.
- (v) The Committee noted that the Lead Agencies headed by the Transport Commissioner. The Committee directed that as per the Committee's letter number 16/2016/CoRS dated 24th November, 2016, the Lead Agency should be headed by a senior officer on full time basis with adequate dedicated staff. The Lead Agency should be made set up accordingly and made functional latest by 31st May, 2017.
- (vi) State is under the process of setting up of the non-lapsable Road Safety Fund and with the contribution from the budget and 50% of the collected compounding fees/fines from traffic violations. The Committee directed the state to establish a Road Safety Fund by 31st May, 2017 to ensure a steady flow of funds for Road Safety activities.
- (vii) The Committee directed that there should be no speed-breakers on the National as well as State Highways. The Committee directed that adequate traffic calming measures be taken on roads merging in or diverging from the National and State Highways and other required places. Also the work of providing informatory boards and other signages should be completed by 31st May, 2017.
- (viii) The Committee reminded the state representatives to provide, in its Road Safety Action Plan, year wise targets for reduction of fatalities and road accidents, the resources required achieving the targets, the nodal agencies for each activity mentioned, and the strategy the State proposes to adopt to achieve those targets

- (ix) Further progress in digitization of driving license and registration data should be reported to the Committee. Access to the data should also be granted to the Insurance Companies
- (x) The Committee was informed that the state has a Surakshit School Vahan Policy which monitors the status and condition of the school buses plying in the state and takes necessary action accordingly to ensure road safety.
- (xi) The Committee directed that all liquor shops situated within 500m. of National and State Highways should be removed in accordance with the recent judgment by Hon'ble Supreme Court.
- (xii) The Committee directed that its direction dated 3rd August, 2016 regarding road safety audit in respect of projects costing more than Rs.10.00 cr. should be strictly implemented by the concerned authorities. The state should also ensure that road safety furniture is provided at all the construction sites within the State
- (xiii) 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.
- (xiv) 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.
- (xv) The Committee directed to raise all the issues and Committee directions before the State Road Safety Council in the next meeting and forward the Minutes of the meeting to the Committee.

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,



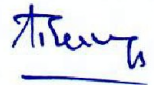
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