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Recurring accidents due to poor visibility/foggy conditions -Accidents involving (i) a Sports Utility Vehicle and two trailer trucks on Badli flyover on Rohtak-Rewari Highway; and (ii) two SUVs and an unidentified vehicle in Ambala

Sir.

The Committee has noted that accidents, which could have been avoided, happen due to poor visibility/foggy conditions. Such accidents invariably involve multiple fatalities. Reports of such accidents keep appearing in newspapers. Two such accidents have recently been reported in "The Hindu" on 24th December, 2018 and 30th December, 2018. It was reported that an accident involving a Sports Utility Vehicle and two trailer trucks took place on Badli flyover on Rohtak-Rewari Highway killing 8 persons and injuring many people. The second accident involving two Sports Utility Vehicles and an unidentified vehicle took place in Ambala district killing 7 persons. A copy each of the press report is enclosed.

The Committee directs that the State Government should take necessary steps to prevent recurrence of accidents happening due primarily to poor visibility/foggy conditions. The safety measure proposed to be taken by the State to prevent such accidents in future should be intimated to the Committee by 31st January, 2019.

- The Committee also desires that a detailed report on the two accidents reported on 24th December 2018 and 30th December, 2018 respectively should be sent to the Committee.
- The reports in this regard may be sent by 31st January, 2019. 4.

Yours faithfully,

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(S.D. Banga) Secretary to the Committee.

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Eight killed, as many hurt in Haryana pile-up due to fog

Accident led to 2-km-long jam on Rohtak-Rewari highway

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT GURUGRAM

Eight persons, including seven women, were killed and as many injured when dense fog resulted in a pile-up of over a dozen vehicles in Haryana's Jhajjar on Monday.

Two of the injured are said to be critical and have been referred to the Post-Graduate Institute of Medical Sciences, Rohtak, while the rest are under treatment at Jhajjar's civil hospital.

Station House Officer, Jhajjar city, Inspector Seema told The Hindu that a Sports Utility Vehicle carrying two dozen people, on their way to Najafgarh in Delhi, hit a trailer truck from behind near the Badli flyover on Rohtak-Rewari highway around 9 a.m. due to poor visibility.

Another trailer truck coming from behind ploughed into the SUV, triggering a



Mangled remains of vehicles on Monday. • SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT,

vehicles, including a school bus, "The deceased were all travelling in the SUV. They belonged to Kirdot village in belonged to Kildot Village to State Agriculture will hajjar and were going to State Agriculture will hajjar and were going to O.P. Dhankar announced at the death of a relathe critically injured were also travelling in the SUV.

The accident led to an almost two-kilometre-long traffic jam on the road mostly frequented by trucks.

The district Deputy Compile-up of more than a dozen missioner has constituted a seven-member committee, headed by the Sub-Divisional Magistrate, to look into the

compensation, of ₹2 lakh each to the families of the deceased, ₹1 lakh each to the seriously injured and ₹50,000 each to those who suffered minor injuries.

(With PTI inputs)

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7 killed in hit-and-run in Ambala

Unidentified vehicle hit two SUVs on Haryana-Punjab border

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT GURUGRAM

Seven persons, including two women and three minors, were killed and nine sustained serious injuries in Haryana's Ambala district in the early hours of Saturday when an unidentified vehicle hit two Sports Utility Vehicles on the border with Punjab.

Besides the drivers, Suresh Kumar and Manoj Kumar, the deceased have been identified as Kavita Kapoor, her daughters Ranjana and Harishita, sister-inlaw Asha and Piyush, a boy.

While Ranjana and Harshita were aged 17 and nine years respectively, Piyush was five, said the police.

Chandigarh Sector 30B resident Palak, 18, the complainant in the case, said in



Mangled remains of one of the two SUVs that were hit by a vehicle on Saturday. - SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

the First Information Report that she along with 20 people, including the two drivers, left for Vrindavan in Uttar Pradesh around 11.30 p.m. on December 28.

After travelling for more than an hour, Manoj stopped the vehicle on the

highway near Drive Inn 22 hotel in Ambala suspecting some malfunction and got down to fix it.

The driver of another SUV also pulled over behind them.

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