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To
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Subject: Supreme Court Committee on Road Safety - Additional Directions for improvement of road safety in the State.

Sir,

Kindly refer to the Government of Haryana letter no. 15539/AT-8/RSB dated 08th May, 2019 on the subject mentioned above.

2. The specific observations of the Committee on the reply given by the State are as follows:

S.NO	ISSUES	OBSERVATIONS OF THE COMMITTEE
1.	Annual targets for reduction of fatalities	<p>(i) There has been no reduction in the number of fatalities in the year 2018 as compared to the year 2017, clearly indicating lackadaisical approach of the State in dealing with road safety.</p> <p>(ii) The Committee notes that the State has set target for reduction of fatalities by 15% in the State. In order to achieve the set target, the State should analyze, district wise, the causes for high number of accidents and fatalities and take appropriate measures to address the identified causes for accidents and fatalities. The Committee desires that the District Road Safety Plans should be prepared in consultation with concerned stakeholders for implementation by 30th June, 2019.</p> <p>(iii) The Lead Agency should monitor the reduction of fatalities in each district on monthly basis and ensure that the district authorities take necessary steps to achieve the targets set for them.</p>

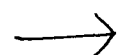


2.	District Road Safety Committees	Noted. It may be confirmed that the meetings of DRSCs are being held regularly and that the Lead Agency is monitoring their work.
3.	Crash investigations	Noted. The Committee had directed, vide Committee's letter dated 26.09.2018, that road accidents involving death or major injury should be investigated by a team comprising of a representative each from the Department of Transport, Police and PWD. In order to do this, the State is required, under Section 135 of Motor Vehicles Act, to frame a scheme for carrying out an in-depth study on causes and analysis of motor vehicle accidents. The Committee desires that such a scheme should be prepared by your State, if necessary, with the assistance of Research Institutes like IITs, CRRI etc by 30th September, 2019 . A copy of the scheme notified by the State should be submitted to the Committee.
4.	Training to the staff of the Lead Agency	The Committee is unhappy to note that the State has still not set up Lead Agency as per the Committee's directions dated 24 th November, 2016. The Committee desires that the State should establish Lead Agency as per the given directions and impart training to all the members of Lead Agency on the course outlines/curriculum specified in the Committee's letter dated 26 th September, 2018. by 30th September 2019 and the same should be communicated to the Committee.
5.	Helmet wear, seat belt and use of mobile phone laws	Noted. However, the Committee is unhappy to note that no annual targets have been fixed to be followed in every district. The Committee also notes that the State has not submitted any quarterly report on suspension of driving licenses for 5 categories of offences in the year 2018 clearly indicating that the State is not taking any of the directions seriously. The Committee desires the State to take following action: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The State should set the targets for compliance on traffic laws for both the city and the rural areas. (ii) The District Road Safety Plans/strategy to achieve the targets for each district should be immediately prepared and implemented (iii) In order to achieve the targets, the State should strictly enforce the Committee's directions dated 18th August, 2015 and 17th November, 2015 to deal with the violations of laws relating to helmet/seat belt, use of mobile phones and dangerous driving and take action to suspend the licenses for a period of three months.
6.	Highway Patrolling	The Committee notes that there are 40 interceptors present with the police authorities on NHs/SHs. The Committee desires the State to take the following actions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) As the National and State Highways together

		<p>accounted for about 66% fatalities in 2017 (NHs-39% & SHs-27%), the Committee directs that Highway Patrol should be set up along all accident prone stretches of the National and State Highways in the State. The State should indicate timeline within which it will set up Highway Patrol along all accident prone stretches of the National and State Highways in the State.</p> <p>(ii) The State should do a gap analysis to check whether the existing number of patrolling and interceptor vehicles is enough to check over-speeding on highways and frame a time line for addressing the requirements.</p> <p>(iii) An action taken report on the measures taken by NHAI and Transport Department to check over-speeding between two toll gates and issuing challan may be sent to the Committee.</p> <p>(iv) The State should also check the rising incidents of over-speeding by effective monitoring of speeding vehicles for stricter compliance.</p>
7.	Procurement of equipment to detect traffic violations	Noted. The Committee desires the State to do a gap analysis in the context of BPR&D norms vis-a-vis the actual availability and analyze whether the number of equipment purchased is adequate to improve road safety activities in the State. The State should make a comprehensive inventory with a procurement plan for the whole State in order to reach the BPR&D norms in a targeted manner within the next 5 years .
8.	Training of personnel and maintenance of equipment.	<p>(i) The Committee desires the State to confirm whether training is being imparted to police personnel in every district on functioning and maintenance of the equipment.</p> <p>(ii) It may also be ensured that there are arrangements/AMC to maintain the equipment.</p>
9.	Traffic Calming Measures	<p>(i) PWD (B&R)- The Committee notes that direction has been issued to the field officers to identify intersections where TCMs are needed. However, the State has not fixed the targets for providing the same. The Committee directs that all roads may be audited to analyze the requirement of TCMs at different category of roads. The Committee also directs that month-wise target may be fixed for providing TCMs on different category of roads.</p> <p>(ii) HSVP – A time line for providing TCMs at the identified 22 intersections may be sent to the Committee.</p> <p>(iii) HSAMB- Noted.</p>
10.	Barriers on hilly roads, near water bodies and	The Committee notes that the State has directed its field officers to identify the sensitive spots. The Committee desires

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	other vulnerable locations.	<p>that the State should take the following action:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Intimate targets, year wise, set by the State & NHAI for installation of crash barriers i.e. the total number of locations where barriers at required locations on hilly roads, near water bodies and other vulnerable locations are to be provided. (ii) Targets set by the State/NHAI for replacement of existing crash barriers if they do not conform to IRC standards. (iii) Intimate arrangements made by the State and NHAI for periodic maintenance of the crash barriers to ensure that they remain compliant with IRC standards. <p>NHAI should provide information sought vide para (a) and (b) above in respect of crash barriers on NHAI roads to the Lead Agency.</p>
11.	Maintenance of bridges.	The Committee desires the State Government to confirm whether the rectification or maintenance work on the bridges as stated in the reply is being done.
12.	Audit of the roads most vulnerable to accidents	Noted. The Committee notes that schedule for auditing of existing roads/accidental prone roads on different category of roads. The Lead Agency should pursue the matter with the concerned offices of PWD(B&R), NHAI Ambala, NHAI Panchkula, NHAI Hisar, NHAI Rohtak, HSAMB. The State should also provide for a time bound action plan for implementation of the audit recommendations and follow the same.
13.	Over loading of school buses and 3-wheelers	Noted. The Committee desires that the carrying capacity of the school transport vehicles including buses and 3-wheelers should be prominently displayed in the vehicle. The State should take strict action against the defaulting school transport vehicles and should instruct the educational institutions to monitor the plying of school buses to ensure compliance with the laws.
14.	Driving of motorized vehicles by the under-age students	Noted. The State should continue with the active awareness campaigns in schools/ colleges to check underage driving and appropriate action under the law should be taken against the owners who allow their vehicles to be driven by underage students.
15.	Status of Ambulances	Noted. The State should check if the existing number of ambulances (ALS/ BLS and private and public) and trained paramedics are enough for the whole State and prepare a time-bound action plan to upgrade the existing infrastructure on both pre and post health care facilities.



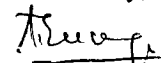
16.	Mapping of Ambulances	Noted.
17.	Publishing of Annual Accident Data	Haryana should start publishing the annual statistics on road accidents and fatalities starting from the year 2018 in a report form and send a copy of the annual accident report to the Committee.

3. The Committee also desires that the State should take-action on the following other issues:

Other Issues		
S. No	Issues	Observations of the committee
1.	Lead Agency	The Committee notes that notification for reconstitution of Lead Agency has been issued on 28.03.2019. The Committee directs the State to fill up the vacant posts and establish the Lead Agency conforming to the Committee's letter dated 24 th November, 2016 by 31st July, 2019.
2.	Road Safety Fund	The Committee notes that the State has established a non-lapsable Road Safety Fund and has allocated funds to it. The Committee desires that the Fund should be utilized on different road safety activities in a timely manner.

4. The Committee directs that all the above observations should be complied with by the State and a comprehensive compliance report be forwarded to the Committee by **31st July, 2019.**

Yours faithfully,

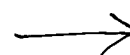


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