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Government of India
Ministry of Road Transport & Highways
(Road Safety Cell)
Transport Bhawan, New Delhi

dated the 80th March, 2020

To,

1. PS to the Transport Ministers of all States/UTs.
2. Director General (Police) of all States/UTs.
3. The Principal Secretary/Secretary (Transport)/Transport Commissioner of all States/UTs.
4. All other Members of NRSE and TDC.

Sub: Minutes of the 18th Meeting of the National Road Safety Council (NRSC) and 39th Meeting of the Transport Development Council held at the Ashok Hotel, New Delhi on 16.01.2020.

Sir/Madam,

I am directed to forward herewith a copy of the Minutes of the 18th Meeting of the National Road Safety Council (NRSC) and 39th Meeting of the Transport Development Council (TDC) held at the Ashok Hotel, New Delhi on 16.1.2020 under the Chairmanship of Hon’ble Minister (RT&H) for information and necessary action.

Yours faithfully,

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Copy to:
1. The Chairman, NHAI, New Delhi
2. The Adviser, TRW, Jamnagar House, New Delhi
3. The ED, ASRTU, New Delhi
4. Sr. Technical Director (NIC) with a request to upload on the minutes of the website of the Ministry.

Copy for kind information: PS to Hon’ble Minister (RT&H)/PS to Hon’ble MoS(RT&H)/ Sr. PPS to Secretary (RT&H)/Sr. PPS to SS(RT&H)/PS to JS(T)
List of participants is annexed.

1. Secretary (RT&H) welcomed the Honorable Transport Ministers and other delegates and briefly mentioned the purpose of the meeting of Road Safety Council and Transport Development Council held on 16th Jan, 2020.

2. Ms. Babni Lal, Economic Adviser (TRW) made a presentation on the National Road Accidents Data, 2018. It was mentioned that there has been an increase in road accidents in the country over the previous years. The main causes of the accident are overspeed, human error, road environment and vehicular conditions. It was also informed that Ministry has undertaken various initiatives to curb the accidents, especially through Education measures, Publicity & Awareness Campaigns, Engineering Measures, Enforcement measures and passing of The Motor Vehicles Amendment Bill, 2019.

3. Shri Priyank Bharti, Joint Secretary (Transport, MVL & RSC) made a presentation on the Motor Vehicle (Amendment), Act, 2019. He briefed all participants about the amendments made in the MV Act and the new provisions provided for the Strengthening Enforcement and improve Road Safety, Empowering the States, Simplification and Citizen facilitation, Automation and Computerisation, Strengthening of Public Transport and Speedy assistance to Accident Victims.

4. Dr. Piyush Jain, Director (MVL) made a presentation on the All India Permit for Tourist Transport Operators Rules. It was mentioned that changes in the All India Permit for Tourist Transport Operators Rules were discussed in the 37th and 38th TDC meeting. Accordingly, a draft notification was circulated on 12th September, 2019 to seek comments of the stakeholders. A draft notification is being published incorporating the comments/suggestions of the stakeholders.

5. Shri Paresh Kumar Goel, Director (RSC) made a presentation on the Good Samaritan guidelines. It was informed that the based on the recommendations of the Skandan Committee, MoRTH issued the Good Samaritan Guidelines and also issued notification prescribing Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) on 21st January 2016 for the examination of Good Samaritans by the police. The Motor Vehicles (Amendment) Act, 2019, in Section 134 A has given legislative backing to the mandate prescribed by the Supreme Court, and the Guidelines and SOP issued by the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways. Introduction of Chapter VIA titled “Examination and Questioning of Good Samaritan”, is also proposed after Rule 139 in the Central Motor Vehicles Rules, 1989.

6. Shri Priyank Bharti, Joint Secretary (Transport, MVL & RSC) informed about the initiatives taken by the Ministry regarding digitization of transport and abolition of border check posts, Inter State transfer of vehicle registration and driving licenses. It was also informed that Ministry has issued guidelines with regard to Scheme for Implementation of “Development, Customization, Deployment and Management of State-wise vehicle tracking platform for Safety & Enforcement as per AIS 140 Specifications” in States / UTs under Nirbhaya Framework. The states were also informed that Ministry is formulating a Scrapping Policy for the old vehicles. The states were also requested for Harmonization of Road Tax for Motor Vehicles across states.

7. Representatives from the States provided suggestions/ comments which are briefed as under:
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(i) Superintendent of Police, Chandigarh requested that helmets to be made compulsory for battery operated 2 wheelers even for vehicles under 50cc. It was also requested to consider non-compoundable fines under Section 119 for violation of traffic signs. It was also requested that UT of Chandigarh may be considered for inclusion in the IRAD. He, further, stated that in the All India Tourist Operator Rules, a period of 12 years has been granted. However, in case of diesel vehicles registered in National Capital Region of Delhi, as per order of Hon’ble NGT, it may ply for 10 years only. The same shall also be considered while finalizing the notification on AITP.

(ii) Transport Commissioner, Gujarat requested that Automobile Companies may be asked to keep in mind the security and safety while advertising on their motor vehicles and should not promote their products by showing the unsafe stunts violating the traffic rules.

(iii) IG, Traffic, Govt. of Haryana informed that there is lack of awareness with respect to Road Safety especially with regard to helmets in the State of Haryana. It was also requested that registrations for E-Rickshaws and Auto-Rickshaws be made mandatory.

(iv) Transport Commissioner, Govt. of Tamil Nadu raised issues regarding Over-speeding and provisions thereof.

8. Hon’ble Transport Minister, Goa informed about high speeding issues and applauded the Ministry for the Motor Vehicle (Amendment) Act, 2019. He also informed that DPRs for the proposed underpasses near the Airport are still awaited from NHAI. It was also informed that agencies do not act on time for the identified black spots.

9. Hon’ble Transport Minister, Assam informed that the DPRs for the 6 Flyovers sanctioned by the Ministry are still awaited from NHAI and NHIDCL. It was also informed that Toll Gates in Assam will be started soon and ensured that the State shall provide security for the same.

10. Hon’ble Transport Minister, Haryana supported the recent MVLA Amendment Act and supported the various initiatives taken by the Ministry.

11. Hon’ble Transport Minister, Odisha complemented the Hon’ble Minister (RT&H) for various initiatives undertaken by the Ministry for Road Construction as well as Transport and Road Safety and assured full cooperation from the State Government.

12. Hon’ble Transport Minister, Karnataka informed that the State would be losing significant revenue, if One Nation One Tax is implemented.

13. Hon’ble Transport Minister, Rajasthan requested for removal of high penalties in the Motor Vehicle (Amendment) Act, 2019. It was requested that medical facilities may be provided along the National Highways for speedy attendance to the casualties if any on NHs. It was also requested to provide financial support to State Governments for strengthening the Gramin Parivahan Sewa.

14. Hon’ble Minister of State of RT&H informed that he shall be touring all the States and in consultation with the Transport Ministers of the respective States for redressal of issues at the earliest.

15. Hon’ble Minister (RT&H) welcomed the State Transport Ministers of different States, Principal Secretary (Transport) of different States, other delegates in the meeting and
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Officers of Ministry of Road Transport and Highways. Hon'ble Minister welcomed comments/suggestions from the representatives of the State Governments and also directed that a portal for registering of comments / suggestions from the representatives of the State Governments and also mentioned that the States/UTs may feel free to give suggestions to the Ministry directly in addition to what have been discussed today. He expressed serious concerns over the high rates of accidents and fatalities in his address. He urged the States for action plan for reducing the same.

16. State should ply pilot models in city for transport buses and best practices may be shared with each other. As regards the concerns arisen regarding new fines for violation of traffic rules as per Motor Vehicle (Amendment) Act, 2019. Hon’ble Minister (RT&H) explained that the Amended Act, 2019 has taken place after around 40 years and the existing rates were effective since 1988. The new Act 2019 just improve the same and provides a slab of fine for a particular violation of traffic rules which would be applicable for a longer period till the new amendment takes place in coming future. Hon’ble Minister (RT&H) also clarified compoundable and non-compoundable nature of the fines with remark that State Governments have jurisdiction to reduce the compoundable fines. There should be respect as well as fear about the Law among the people. Hon’ble Minister (RT&H) also appreciated the positive results of e-governance in transport sector such as seizing of the bogus licence. The Minister also point out that there are possibilities of certain defects in DPR preparation of NH Projects by the DPR consultants leading to road accidents and therefore stressed upon requirement to prepare the DPR of Road Project on actual site requirement with due audit of the DPRs. Hon’ble Minister (RT&H) also emphasized on proper eye testing and health checkup of the Drivers by the licensing authority.

17. He also informed that Hon’ble Minister of State (RT&H) would be visiting to all the States and will have consultation with the Transport Ministers of the respective States for redressal of issues at the earliest.

- He informed about the need to boost use of Electric Vehicles and initiatives taken by the Central Government in this regard. Hon’ble Minister informed about the Development of Bus Ports on BOT/HAM basis.

- He also informed about action taken by the Ministry such as identification of black spots, Good Samaritan guidelines, driver training centers, automated driving test centers and road safety.

- Hon’ble Minister raised his concerns with regard to delay in submission of DPRs for the road projects. He directed that the Officer concerned may be asked to inspect the project before the DPR is finalized. He also directed that speedy decisions may be taken and implemented accordingly.

The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to and from the Chair.

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List of participants

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4. Shri Padmanana Behra, Hon'ble Transport Minister, Odisha
5. Shri Mauvin Godinho, Hon'ble Transport Minister, Goa
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