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Dear Chief Secretary,

As you are aware, during the year 2007, as many as 1.14 lakh persons were killed and around 5.13 lakh persons were injured in over 4.7 lakh road accidents throughout the country. This is the highest number of deaths per year in a country. The problem of road accidents is grievous and is becoming worse every day in India. The cost of road accidents in India is estimated at about 3% of GDP. Keeping in view the social cost involved and the trauma associated with the road accidents, road safety has been on the priority of the Government for quite some time. The Government has been taking all possible measures to reverse the trend of growing number of road accidents.

2. The State Governments are primarily responsible for the safety of road users. The Government has taken necessary steps to finalise policy directives for improving road safety. State Governments are expected to take appropriate steps for enforcement of road safety provisions.
3. In the recently concluded Transport Development Council meeting held on 5th February, 2010, Hon'ble Minister for Road Transport & Highways had expressed deep concern about increasing number of road accidents. Hon'ble Minister has also advised to set up a State Road Safety Council in every state and District Road Safety Committee for each district.
4. The Central Government already has a National Road Safety Council (NRSC) which advises on all matters pertaining to planning and coordination of policies and standards of safety in Road Transport Sector. NRSC was established under Section 215 of MV Act, 1988 and is chaired by Minister (RT&H) with Minister-in-charge of Road Transport of States/UTs, DG Police of all States and also representatives from various Ministries/Departments. Under Section 215 of Motor Vehicles Act, 1988, a State Government by notification in Official Gazette can constitute a State Road Safety Council comprising a chairman and such other members as the Government considers necessary and on such terms and conditions that Government may determine. Similarly, there is also a provision for District Road Safety Committee for each district. I understand that some of State Governments have already constituted such Council/Committee.
5. I would be grateful, if you could issue necessary instructions for setting up of a State Road Safety Council and District Road Safety Committee in your State and all the districts immediately and apprise us about the action taken in the matter.

With regards.

Yours sincerely,


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