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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

NOTIFICATION

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A Group of Ministers is hereby constituted to address the issue of public transportation in hilly areas. Shri G. S. Bali, Hon'ble Minister for Transport, Government of Himachal Pradesh shall be the Chairman of the Group; other members of the Group of Ministers shall be as given below:-

1. Shri Sri Chandra Mohan Patowary, Hon'ble Minister for Transport, Government of Assam;
 2. Shri H. D. R. Lyngdoh, Hon'ble Minister for Transport, Government of Meghalaya;
 3. Shri K.H. Ratan Kumar, Hon'ble Minister for Transport, Government of Manipur;
 4. Shri John Rotluangliana, Hon'ble Minister for Transport, Government of Mizoram;
 5. Shri C.P Namchoom, Hon'ble Minister for Transport, Government of Arunachal Pradesh;
 6. Shri Paiwang Konyak, Hon'ble Minister for Transport, Government of Nagaland ;
 7. Shri Manik Dey, Hon'ble Minister for Transport, Government of Tripura;
 8. Shri Abdul Ghani Kohli Hon'ble Minister for Transport, Government of Jammu & Kashmir
 9. Shri Harish Rawat, Hon'ble Minister for Transport, Government of Utrakhhand
2. The Principal Secretary, Department of Transport, Government of Himachal Pradesh will be Convenor of the Group.
 3. The Chairman, Group of Ministers will be free to co-opt Ministers from other States as Members depending upon their willingness. Group of Ministers can also seek assistance from Officers of any other State/ agency for getting technical support. It can discuss with the various stakeholders in the road transport sector on all relevant issues.
 4. The terms of reference of the Group of Ministers shall be as under:
 - a. to suggest the comprehensive policy to address the public transportation issues in hilly areas.
 - b. to advise the Hon'ble Minister for Road Transport, Highways and Shipping on:
 - i) framing a National Road Safety Code with the aim to reduce fatalities and road accidents by 50% in next five years in the hill areas.
 - ii) institutional support for multimodal planning of transport and to suggest implementation and technical support to the road sector in hill areas.
 - ii) access and communication against natural barrier and difficult geographies to improve connectivity.

- iii) training and capacity building; Creation of human capital, augmenting machinery and process improvement by having Project implementation units to achieve the same in a time bound manner.
- iv) ensuring that all district highways to be container compatible; all State Capitals and regional HQs in the states to have 4 lanes as well as Bypasses. Hill roads to be of minimum intermediate lane specifications connecting the subdivisions with district headquarters.
- v) strengthening ICT and enabling GIS and GPS databases for public and governance convenience.
- vi) establishing a separate fund for the development of the river ports and intermodal hubs in the NER for smooth transshipment of goods.
- vii) suggesting and evolving a common permit scheme for the NER and hill states for interstate buses and goods vehicles.
- viii) Any other matter that the Ministry of Road Transport & Highways may choose to request the Group to examine and consider.

The Group will meet at least once in a quarter or at such frequency as it may decide. The Group shall submit its first report by 31.10.2016. The frequency of subsequent reports may be decided by the Group in consultation with the Hon'ble Union Minister for Road Transport, Highways and Shipping.



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