

No. RW/NH-29011/01/2021-S&R (P&B) RSCE
Government of India
Ministry of Road Transport & Highways
(Road Safety Engineering Zone)
 Transport Bhawan, 1, Parliament Street, New Delhi-110001

Dated: 9th September, 2021

To,

1. The Chief Secretaries of all the State Governments/ UTs.
2. The Principal Secretaries/ Secretaries of all States/ UTs Public Works Department dealing with National Highways, other centrally sponsored Schemes.
3. All Engineers-in-Chief and Chief Engineers of Public Works Department of States/ UTs dealing with National Highways, other centrally sponsored Schemes.
4. The Director General (Border Roads), Seema Sadak Bhawan, Ring Road, New Delhi-110 010.
5. The Chairman, National Highway, Authority of India, G-5 & 6, Sector-10, Dwarka, New Delhi-110 075.
6. The Managing Director, NHIDCL, PTI Building, New Delhi-110001.
7. All CE-ROs/ SE-ROs and ELOs of the Ministry.
8. Project Directors of MoRT&H from all States/UTs.

Subject: Taking advance action for removal of accident spots on NHs as per Police reports without waiting for converting them into black spots after accidents/fatalities - regarding

Sir,

Ministry's vide circular no.RW-NH-29011/08/2019-S&R(P&B) Dated 26thAugust, 2019 has defined the frequent accidents/fatalities locations on the National highways as Black Spots as below:

"Road Accident Black spot is a stretch of National Highway of about 500m in length in which either 5 road accidents (in all three years put together involving fatalities/grievous injuries) took place during the last 3 calendar years or 10 fatalities (in all three years put together) took place during the last 3 calendar years."

2. All executive/implementing agencies of this ministry i.e. PWD(NH)/NHAI/NHIDCL has taken up task of removal/rectification of all identified Road Accident Black spot from National Highways on priority which will save loss of precious human lives/resources. However, there are many road accidents spots on NHs observed by

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State Police Departments every year which are although not qualified to be declared as Road Accident Black spots as the number of fatal accidents / casualties at these locations are less, but these accident spots may be in the process of becoming vulnerable to Black Spots. There is immediate need to take up road safety improvement measures at these accident spots to prevent them in converting to Road Accident Black spots.

3. In order to prevent such accident spots becoming vulnerable Black Spots by causing more accidents, the ministry has decided to take proactive action by studying the reasons of accident/fatality for all such locations and to take up necessary engineering measures if so required. To address above, it has been decided that the respective Regional Officers shall establish a system of receiving/obtaining a copy of filled up **Road Accident Recording Form** for all incidents accidents/fatality on National Highway from the respective police station on real time basis, study the road condition, whether condition, collision type details recorded in the form and conduct a first-hand analysis to understand the reasons behind accidents/fatalities. Action on engineering remedial measures or detailed safety audit may be taken up based on such outcome of analysis. Immediate cautionary measures for alerting Road users at such spots shall be taken by undertaking site inspections and conducting Road Safety Audit as per Ministry's circular no. RW-NH-29011/01/2019-S&R(P&B) dated 26.08.2019. The proposals for immediate and permanent rectification may be approved as per delegation to RO's conveyed vide circular no. RW/NH-24035/4/2008-P&M/PIC Vol.II dated 23.02.2018 and Ministry's subsequent instructions issued from time to time.

4. In case there are non-engineering reasons for the accidents/fatalities needing social attention/efforts, the analysis shall be sent to concerned District Magistrate and State Head of Traffic police for necessary action.

5. It is directed that the matter may be attended on priority and appropriate action for improvement of accident spots be taken to ensure that these accident spots do not convert into blackspots.

Yours faithfully

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