

No. EDN-HE(21)F(10)13/2021-Road Safety
Directorate of Higher Education
Himachal Pradesh, Shimla-1
Dated: Shimla-171001 the

August, 2022


To

1. All the Principals Govt. Degree/Skt. Colleges/GCTE Dharamshala, in HP.
2. All the Deputy Directors of Higher Education, in HP.

Subject: - Proceedings of third meeting of State Transport Development & Road Safety Council held on 16-07-2022 at 11:00 AM under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Transport Minister Himachal Pradesh.

In continuation to this Directorate letter of even No. dated 05-08-2022 and also please find enclosed herewith a copy of the Proceedings of third meeting of State Transport Development & Road Safety Council held on 16-07-2022 at 11:00 AM under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Transport Minister Himachal Pradesh, received from the Director of Transport HP, Shimla-4, vide his letter No. TPT-LA(3)RSC/COUNCIL-2022-6019 dated 12-08-2022, on the subject cited above.

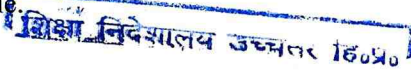
In this context, you are hereby directed to go through the contents of the ibid proceedings and issue necessary direction to all the establishment working under your control to ensure further necessary action in the matter accordingly, under intimation to the quarter concerned as well as to this Directorate.


Joint Director of Higher Education(C-II)
Himachal Pradesh, Shimla-1


Endst. No. Even dated Shimla -I the August, 2022

Copy for information and further necessary action is forwarded to:-

1. The Director of Transport, Himachal Pradesh, Shimla-4 w.r.t. letter referred above.
2. The Supdt., College Branch, Directorate of Higher Education, Shimla-1, HP.
3. ✓ Technical Officer I.T. Cell (Internal) with the request to upload the same on departmental website.
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Directorate of Transport,
Himachal Pradesh, Shimla-171004.

To

1. The Principal Secretary (PWD) to the
Government of Himachal Pradesh
Shimla -2
2. The Principal Secretary (Home) to the
Government of Himachal Pradesh
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3. The Principal Secretary (Health) to the
Government of Himachal Pradesh
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4. The Principal Secretary (Transport) to the
Government of Himachal Pradesh
Shimla, 171002
5. The Principal Secretary (Industries) to the
Government of Himachal Pradesh
Shimla -2
6. The Director General of Police
Himachal Pradesh Shimla 171002
7. The Principal Secretary (Tourism) to the
Government of Himachal Pradesh
Shimla -2
8. The Engineer -in-Chief
HPPWD Nirman Bhawan , Shimla -2
9. The M.D. HRTC-Cum Chief Executive Officer
H.P. Bus Stands Managing and Development Authority
Shimla -1
10. The Managing Director,
H.P. Tourism Development Corporation
Shimla -1
11. The Member Secretary Himachal Pradesh
Environment Protection and Pollution Board
Shimla -171009

12. The DIG (Tourist & Railways)
Himachal Pradesh, Shimla (Khalini)- 2.
13. The Director
Information and Public Relation
Himachal Pradesh Shimla -2
14. The Regional Officer, H.P.
National Highway Authority of India (NHAI).
Shanti Kutia, H. No.1. Chakkr, Shimla-171005

Dated: Shimla the 12th August, 2022

Subject: Proceedings of third meeting of State Transport Development & Road Safety Council held on 16-07-2022 at 11:00 AM under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Transport Minister Himachal Pradesh.

Sir,

I am directed to enclose herewith a copy of the Proceedings of third meeting of State Transport Development & Road Safety Council held on 16-07-2022 at 11:00 AM under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Transport Minister Himachal Pradesh for favour of information and further necessary action.

You are, therefore, requested to send the Action Taken Report to this office within fortnight please.

Yours faithfully,

(Hemis Negi, HAS)
Additional Commissioner Transport
Lead Agency/Road Safety cell
Himachal Pradesh HP-4

Copy forwarded to:

1. The Sr. Special Private Secretary to Chief Secretary, Government of H.P. for kind information.
2. The Special Private Secretary to the Hon'ble Industries, Transport, Labour & Employment Minister, of H.P. for kind information.
3. The Sr. Private Secretary to Principal Secretary Transport to the Government of H.P. for kind information.
4. The Director Health & Family Welfare, SDA Complex Kasumpti, Shimla-9 for information and necessary action.
5. The Director Higher Education, Shimla-1 for information and necessary action.
6. The Director Elementary Education, Shimla-1 for information and necessary action.

Additional Commissioner Transport
Lead Agency/Road Safety cell
Himachal Pradesh HP-4

PROCEEDING OF THE THIRD MEETING OF STATE TRANSPORT DEVELOPMENT & ROAD SAFETY COUNCIL HELD ON 16.07.2022 AT 11.00 AM UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF HON'BLE TRANSPORT MINISTER CUM CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL AT HOTEL HOLIDAY HOME SHIMLA

The list of participants is at **Annexure-A**

At the outset, the Director Transport cum Member Secretary of the Council welcomed the Chairman and other official and non-official members of the Council and apprised them about the overall scenario of the road safety activities being undertaken in the State. The item-wise discussions and decisions taken in the meeting are as under:

CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON. 10-07-2020

The action taken report of the second meeting held on 07-10-2020 was placed before the Council. The same were considered, confirmed and approved by the

The following discussions and deliberations took place in the meeting:

1. Participation of non-officials members in all road safety activities

Hon'ble Transport Minister cum Chairman State Transport Development & Road Safety Council directed that the participation of Non-official members must be ensured in the road safety activities being undertaken in their area of jurisdiction. It was directed that the Lead Agency will

coordinate and associate the non-official members for awareness activities in their respective districts.

2. Holding of District level Meeting

Addl. Commissioner Transport apprised the Council members that as per the directions of the Hon'ble Supreme Court Committee on Road Safety, the State Govt. has recently reconstituted the District Road Safety Committee with concerned District Magistrate and Highway Administrator of State Highways & Major District Roads(MDR's) as Chairman & member secretary respectively. Further it was apprised that as per the directions of the Hon'ble Supreme Court Committee on Road Safety, the District Road Safety Committee are required to meet at least fortnightly on virtual platform and meet physical at least once a month at a venue prescribed by the chairman i.e., Deputy Commissioner. Further it was apprised that as per the mandate the minutes of the meeting shall be made public on the District website within 48 hours of the meeting and also be uploaded on the web portal (<http://morth-roadsafety.nic.in/edisha/index.aspx>) of the MoRTH as per the format designed and approved by the MoRTH. Hence it was insisted upon that as per the mandate the meeting at the district level are required to be convened as per the directions of the Hon'ble committee. Therefore it was decided that directions may be issued to the concerned District Magistrate to convene the meeting as per the mandate.

3. Deployment of Dy Director Health and XEN PWD in Lead Agency

It was apprised in the meeting that matter regarding the deployment of Dy Director Health and XEN PWD in Lead Agency has been taken up with the Govt. The Chairman directed that matter may again be taken at the appropriate level so that officials can be posted in the Lead Agency at the earliest.

4. Installation of crash barrier and rectification of black spots

Director General of Police apprised the Council members that maximum numbers of the accidents are being witnessed in the State due to non-installation of the crash barriers alongside the roads. It was insisted that major cause of the accident is rolling down of the vehicles from the cliff or hill, which results in major fatalities and injuries. He apprised that police department has shared the list of 10 vulnerable spots each in every District which are prone to major accidents. However, it was further apprised that no action has been taken by the road owning agencies to rectify the same. The matter was discussed in detailed and it has been directed that PWD should take immediate steps for installation crash barriers at these spots. A report of the same shall be placed in the next meeting. DGP apprised the Council members that traffic volunteer scheme introduced by the SP Shimla and funded by the Lead Agency is highly successful for the regulation of the traffic and it was suggested by the Principal Secretary that during ensuing Manimahesh yatra DC Chamba maybe requested to submit the proposal for replicating such scheme in the District.

It was apprised in the meeting that rectification of the identified Black Spots is not being done as per the protocol of the MoRTH dated: 26th August, 2019 . It was apprised that based on the site inspection, preliminary survey and type of intervention required may be identified and accordingly the action for taking corrective measures i.e. short term measures and LongTerm Measures may be initiated at department level. The Chairman and Non officials members expressed dissatisfaction for slow progress in rectification of black/accidental prone spots. Hence it was decided that road owning agencies will give a detailed report regarding the rectification of the Black Spots to the lead

agency along with the expenditure incurred on its rectification and report of the same shall be placed in next meeting of the Council.

5. Proposal for funds out of disaster management funds

Engineer in Chief HPPWD intimated that a proposal of Rs 25 crores has been sent to revenue department for obtaining funds out disaster management funds for undertaking road safety activities such as installation of crash barriers, rectification of vulnerable accident spots etc.,. The Principal Secretary Revenue also holding the charge of Transport Department informed the Council members that sufficient fund will be provided by the State Disaster Management Authority (SDMA) for undertaking various road safety activities in the State. He requested the road owing agencies to give proposal to the SDMA for funding of various road safety activities in the State.

6. Wide publicity of Good Samaritan through IEC material.

It was apprised in the meeting that necessary amendments have been incorporated in the Motor Vehicle Act, 1988 which grants certain rights to Good Samaritan while rendering emergency medical or non-medical care or assistance to the victim of an accident. It was further informed that the Lead Agency has taken an initiative popularise the concept of the Good Samaritan in the State through awareness material by installing Sign Boards about the rights of Good Samaritan in every Hospital, Police Stations and prominent place such as bus stand etc.,. The non-official members apprised that concept of the Good Samaritan is still at nascent stage and more efforts are need to make is popularise among the masses so that medical assistance is rendered to the accident victim during the Golden Hour. Hence it was decided that lead

Agency will organise awareness camps at District and Sub Divisional Level to make general masses aware about the concept of the Good Samaritan by associating the non-official members.

7. Establishment of Trauma care centre

Director Health Services has placed the details of Trauma care Centre proposed to be established in the State. Hon'ble Transport Minister cum Chairman of Council directed to explore the possibilities for setting up advance trauma centre at least one in each district.

During the discussion, ADGP Sh. Abhishek Trivedi apprised the Council that Advanced Cardiac Life Support Ambulances (ACLS) needs to be introduced in the State as they offer extensive services to those clients who are diagnosed with cardiac problems and to those who require care, such as adequate blood circulation and ventilation, during the shifting. The matter was discussed in detailed and it was decided that DHS will explore possibility to introduce such services in the State.

8. Suggestions from the Non -officials members;

All the Non official members have participated in the discussion and following suggestions has been given to ensure the road safety:

- a. **Sh Vijay Parmar** solicited the attention of the Council that road owning agencies are not constructing the roads as per the standards and there is a possibility that they may be in connivance are designing the alignment of the roads to facilitate prominent persons. He insisted that such practice should be done forth away with and if such instances come to fore strict action may be taken against the erring officials.

- b. **Sh Subhash Sharma** suggested that non-official members are not being involved with the road safety activities undertaken in the State by the stakeholder departments. Hence, he requested that non-official members may be associated with the various activities undertaken by the road safety cell. It was further suggested that Watsapp Group for all non-official members may be made at the earliest, so that there is a healthy exchange of information among the department and non-official members regarding the road safety scenario in the State.
- c. **Sh Raj Kumar VPO Bathra Distt Kangra** brought to the attention of the council members that strict enforcement drives are needed to curb the practice of rash and negligent driving especially by the two wheelers riders in the State. It was insisted upon that enforcement agencies may plan enforcement drives by giving dedicated targets to the districts to check such menace.
- d. **Sh Ajay Shayam** particularly raised the matter regarding mismanagement of traffic during the Apple Season especially on Kufri-Dhalli road. He requested the enforcement agencies to prepare a traffic plan to avoid such harassment to the road users.

Sh Joginder Shukla gave a suggestion that Department may make a scheme to recognise and give a certificate of appreciation to such drivers who have never been penalised by the enforcement agencies for any kind of traffic violations.

Discussion on agenda Items

ITEM NO.-1: Details of Income & Expenditure (Bank and Budget) in respect of Road Safety Cell, Directorate of Transport under the Himachal Pradesh Road Safety Activity Scheme, 2006 for the Financial year 2018-19 to 2021-22 and for the Current Financial Year under the Himachal Pradesh Road Safety Fund and Activities Rules, 2022.

Additional commissioner Transport placed the details of the funds received, expenditure incurred and balance funds lying in the bank account for the last five years. After deliberation the Council took a note of the expenditure incurred to the tune of Rs 945.64 Lakh in the year 2021-22 and Rs 60.06 lakhs during the year 2022-23 up to 30th June 2022.

ITEM NO.-2: Himachal Pradesh Road Safety Fund and Activities Rules, 2022.

Council members were apprised that the Himachal Pradesh Road Safety Fund and Activities Rules, 2022 has been notified by the State Government as per the directions of the Hon'ble Supreme Court Committee on Road safety. The members were further informed that from now onwards all road safety activities in the State shall be governed by the notified Rules.

ITEM NO.-3: Vehicle Location Tracking Device (VLTD)

Additional Commissioner Transport has apprised the council that Transport Department has established a Command and Control Center for effective implementation of Vehicle Location Tracking Device (VLTD) in

the Directorate of Transport by entering into an agreement with C-DAC in the month of 2021. As per the Notification issued by the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways(MoRTH) dated 31-10-2018 regarding fitment of vehicles Location Tracking Device and Panic Buttons, all the public service vehicles registered on and after 1st January, 2019 have to be fitted with VLTD and Panic Buttons. These devices will also be fitted in the vehicles registered up to 31-12-2018 in due course of time. VLTD and emergency button will be very helpful for raising alert in case of any emergency for the safety of passengers especially for children and women. In order to ensure the safer travelling for the passengers and providing them real time emergency response support system, the Command and Control Centre has been integrated with ERSS-112. Under ERSS, all the Police Stations vehicles in the State are fitted with GPS system and as and when any complaint is received in the control room, irrespective of territorial jurisdiction of a particular Police Station, alert will be sent to the nearest Police vehicle of the location of incident. The Command and Control Centre has been made functional and will be inaugurated by the Hon'ble Chief Minister HP on 19th July, 2022.

Council appreciated the initiative taken by the department.

ITEM NO.-4: Road Safety Club

It was apprised that Lead Agency/ Road Safety Cell, Department of Transport has constituted "Road Safety Clubs" in 135 Colleges and 1878 Senior Secondary Schools in the State. An amount of Rs. 2, 21, 55000/- was sanctioned out of Road Safety Fund and same was distributed to all the Principals through Directorate of Education during the last financial year. Various road safety activities were undertaken by the Road safety Clubs in all the colleges and schools by utilizing the allocated fund.

It was informed that this will be a continuing activity and efforts will be made to give the funds to the clubs in the ensuing year. It was suggested that non-official members may also be associated with the activities undertaken by these clubs so that their valuable inputs can be shared with the students. Principal Secretary advised the department to maintain the fiscal prudence while undertaking such activities.

ITEM NO.-5: Road Safety Park

Additional Commissioner apprised the Council members that an innovative project has been conceptualised by the Lead Agency to develop modal Traffic Parks in the schools, which have sufficient land for the aforesaid purpose. In this regard it was apprised that groundwork has already been initiated to identify the schools in which such facility can be created for children, so that they can learn the traffic rules.

The members were informed that department has identified a land in the premises of Sr. Secondary School, Bathalag, Distt. Solan for the development of such traffic park on pilot basis. The Council appreciated the efforts of the Lead Agency and in principal gave approval for development of such parks in other areas of the State also.

ITEM NO.-6: Road Safety Action Plan for the Financial Year 2022-23

It was apprised that in pursuance to the Himachal Pradesh Road Safety Fund and Activities Rules, 2022, Lead Agency Road Safety Cell has prepared an action plan on road safety amounting to Rs. 28.52 lacs, which shall be placed before the State Level Managing Committee for consideration and approval. The Council members were informed that other stakeholders departments have already been requested to submit

their Annual Action Plan and according the same will be place before the State level committee for consideration and approval.

ITEM NO.-7 Proposed initiative by Transport Department :

a. Inspection & Certification Centre:

Additional Commissioner apprised about the I&C Centre being established at Baddi. The Additional Commissioner cum Secretary State Transport Authority apprised the Council members that state of art facility is coming up in District Solan for scientific inspection of the vehicles during fitness. He further informed that the facility will ready by this year-end and same facility will be replicated in near future in other parts of the State.

b. Driving Testing Track:

It was apprised that department of transport is in process of identifying a suitable land for the establishment of driving test tracks so that the robust system may be developed for the issuance of driving licenses without human intervention.

ITEM NO.-7 Directions issued by the Hon'ble Supreme Court Committee on Road safety

Council Members were apprised about the directions being issued by the Supreme Court Committee from time to time to ensure road safety in the State. It was apprised that the report on these direction is being submitted to Hon'ble Committee within stipulated period. Council took a note of the same.

The chairman lauded the efforts of the departments for undertaking road safety activities in the State. He further directed that concrete steps are required to be undertaken by the enforcement agencies to reduce the accident rate by 10% every year so that precious lives can be saved.

Further directions were given to the road owning agencies to improve the junctions and intersections leading to main highways so as to avoid the accidents. It was directed that speed calming measures on such identified junctions and intersections may be designed at the earliest.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to and from the chair.


Chairman