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Directorate of Higher Education
Himachal Pradesh, Shimla-1

To Dated: Shimla-171001 the May, 2026


All the Principals
Govt. Degree / Skt. College, GCTE Dharamshala, in HP.

Subject: - Strengthening of Road Safety Measures: Enforcement of National Ambulance Code, Promotion of Good Samaritan law, and Public Awareness Campaigns.

Please find enclosed herewith copy of letter No. RT-25035/91/2024-RS (241700), dated 20-04-2026 received from the Under Secretary to the Govt. of India, Ministry of Road Transport & Highways (MoRTH), on the subject cited above.


In this context, you are directed to go through the aforesaid letter, and sensitize the students regarding strict enforcement of National Ambulance Code (AIS-125) in respect of ambulances operating. Sustained Awareness campaigns may also be undertaken regarding the provisions of the Good Samaritan Law so as to encourage students/citizens to assist road accident victims without fear of legal or procedural complications. Further, road safety awareness programmes focusing on responsible driving behaviour, adherence to traffic rules, road signage and safe driving practices may also be organized through print, electronic and social media platforms. Action Taken Report in the matter may be send at the earliest.

Encls: As Above.


(Dr. Harish Kumar)
Director Higher Education
Himachal Pradesh

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Copy for information and necessary action is forwarded to:-

1. The Director Transport, Himachal Pradesh, Shimla-4 w.r.t. letter No. TPT-LA-RSC (92) Ambulances and NHM 2025-26-3175 dated 28-04-2026.
2. Technical Officer I.T. Cell (Internal) to upload the same on the departmental website.
3. Guard File.


Director Higher Education
Himachal Pradesh

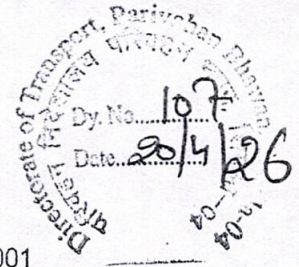
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No. RT-25035/91/2024-RS (241700)
 Government of India
 Ministry of Transport & Highways
 (Road Safety Section)

Transport Bhawan, 1, Parliament Street, New Delhi-110001



Dated: 20th April, 2026

To

1. Health Secretaries of all States/UTs.
2. Transport Commissioner of all States/UTs.

Subject: Strengthening Road Safety Measures: Enforcement of National Ambulance Code, Promotion of Good Samaritan Law, and Public Awareness Campaigns

Madam / Sir,

The Ministry of Road Transport & Highways (MoRTH) has been emphasizing on various aspects of road safety from time to time including the enforcement of laws, rules, regulations and implementation of schemes / programmes / initiatives for enhancement of safety of road users. The Ministry also actively undertakes awareness campaigns on road safety issues, including on Good Samaritan Law through various means of communication.

2. However, the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare (MoHFW), Government of India has emphasized the need to further strengthen road safety frameworks and post-crash response systems across all States and Union Territories. In this regard, all States/UTs are advised to take necessary steps to improve compliance, awareness, and coordination in key areas relating to emergency response and road user safety.

3. States/UTs are advised to ensure strict enforcement of the National Ambulance Code (AIS-125) for all ambulances operating within their jurisdiction. A robust audit and compliance mechanism may be established to periodically verify adherence to prescribed standards relating to vehicle design, equipment, and trained manpower. Appropriate authorities may be designated for certification, monitoring, and enforcement, and efforts should be made to maintain a centralized and updated database of ambulances and their compliance status.

4. States/UTs should also undertake sustained efforts to generate widespread awareness about the Good Samaritan Law, which provides protection to individuals who assist road accident victims from legal and procedural complications. Awareness initiatives may be carried out through print, electronic, and digital media, and through engagement with educational institutions, healthcare facilities, civil society organizations, and transport stakeholders. Sensitization of law enforcement agencies and medical personnel is essential to ensure that the provisions of the Good Samaritan framework are effectively upheld.

5. Further, States/UTs are encouraged to conduct regular, structured, and targeted public awareness campaigns on road safety measures. These campaigns should focus on responsible driving behaviour, adherence to traffic rules, understanding of road signage and signals, and the risks associated with unsafe

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practices such as speeding, drunk driving, and distracted driving. A multi-channel approach may be adopted, leveraging mass media, social media, community outreach programmes, and school and college-level initiatives, in collaboration with relevant stakeholders.

6. States/UTs are requested to put in place mechanisms for periodic monitoring and reporting on the implementation of the above measures. Reports may include details on the status of enforcement of the National Ambulance Code, awareness initiatives undertaken on the Good Samaritan Law, and the scope and impact of road safety campaigns. Best practices and innovative approaches may also be documented and shared for wider replication.

7. Finally, States/UTs should ensure effective convergence and coordination among Departments of Transport, Health, Police, and Education, as well as district-level authorities, for the successful implementation of these initiatives. Strengthening institutional coordination will be critical in enhancing emergency response systems and reducing road accident-related fatalities.

8. This issues with the approval of the competent authority.

Digitally signed by Yours faithfully,
MIRTYUNJAY KUMAR
Date: 20-04-2026
10:06:49 (Mirtyunjay Kumar)
Under Secretary to the Govt. of India
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Copy to:

1. PSO to Secretary, RTH
2. PSO to AS(RS)
3. Chief Engg. (MVL - Tech)/ Director (MVL)/ Director (Road Safety), /
Director (Transport)
4. Shri Anurag Tiwari, Under Secretary, Trauma & Burns Unit, MoHFW.