

Minutes of the Meeting of the Executive Committee of Gujarat Road Safety Authority

The Meeting of the Executive Committee of Gujarat Road Safety Authority was held under the Chairmanship of Shri Kamal Dayani, IAS, Principal Secretary, Port and Transport Department at 15.30 hours on June 24, 2020 in the Committee Hall of Transport Department. The list of members who participated in the meeting is attached as Annexure-A.

At the outset, Shri L.P. Padalia, IAS (Retd.), Road Safety Commissioner, welcomed the Chairperson and all the members of the Executive Committee, present in the meeting. As it has been highly challenging situation of COVID 19 pandemic in the State, and worst affected being the cities like Ahmedabad, Surat, Vadodara, Gandhinagar, Bhavnagar, Rajkot, Kheda, Anand, Sabarkantha etc., the Chairman expressed good wishes for well-being of all members. The Committee asked the representative of UDD to convey the best wishes to Nodal Officer and Joint Secretary (UDD) for his quick recovery as he was tested Corona positive and he has been under treatment.

Road Safety Commissioner then took up the business of the meeting as per the Agenda as under:

Agenda 1: Review of Implementation of directions given by Hon'ble Supreme Court Committee on Road Safety (CoRS) through letter dated: January 09, 2020.

- (1) As the phase of 'unlock' has started, all the Stake Holder departments are supposed to send compliance reports supported by proper details and adequate data for onward submission after compilation to the SCoRS even amidst persistent threat by COVID 19. Commissioner (Road Safety) reiterated to expedite the compliances including strategy to be adopted to prevent or reduce road accidents and fatalities. *(Compliance: ALL)*
- (2) The Chair took a serious note of NHAI representative not being present in this meeting even after intimations by mail, letter and phone calls; and instructed that NHAI must make sure that its representative attends the meetings of

Executive Committee, GujRoSA and DRSC meetings in future without fail.

(Compliance: NHAI)

- (3) The Chair emphasized that compliance of all departments must be precise but self-explanatory and the Plan must contain strategy to be adopted, various works to be done and results to achieve. He instructed R&B, NHAI, Health, Police, UDD, Education that they should not only send the Annexures, but the write up containing proper data. Annexures may be attached for more details. The Chair asked the Road Safety Authority to monitor compliance.

(Compliance: All)

- (4) The Chair asked the Authority and Commissioner of Transport to ensure that Road Safety Committees at District and City level meet regularly and they send the minutes of their meetings to the Authority without fail. In addition, The Chair asked the Authority to coordinate and monitor their works to bring about desired results. Commissioner (Road Safety) informed the Chair that the Authority has been communicating with District/City Road Safety Committees and Stake Holder departments regularly. He also mentioned that all the Chairmen & District Collectors had been sensitized about their roles in road safety in the State level Conference held in January, 2020. He also informed that he has started monthly review meetings of all Nodal Officers for effective co-ordination and monitoring since January, 2020. ***(Compliance:***

Authority, Transport Dept.)

- (5) The Chair instructed that District and City Road Safety Committees should make sure that every single fatal accident is jointly visited on the same day of the accident by a team comprising Officials from Police, Road Owning Departments, Transport etc, and each report should be presented and discussed in DRSC/CRSC meetings. As such, the DRSC/CRSC must instruct the concerned Stake Holder departments to take corrective measures to prevent fatal accidents. These Committees should monitor strictly to ensure timely compliance. The stakeholder departments should undertake both short term and long term rectification measures to address the causes of accidents,

and put up Action Taken Report in the subsequent meetings.
(Compliance: Police, RTO, R&B, NHAI, UDD)

- (6) State Traffic Branch presented statement of 489 Black Spots located on various Highways/MDRs/ORs. On the request of Chief Engineer (R&B) to verify the data at the district level, the Chairman instructed R&B Dept., NHAI, UDD, Police, Transport Dept. etc. to verify the Black Spots road owning agencies (department) wise and arrange to include in the Action Plan so that corrective measures can be taken timely by the Stake Holder department concerned. As such, the Road Safety Commissioner instructed Chief Engineer (R&B), SP (STB), NHAI, UDD etc. to discuss jointly first with Commissioner (Road Safety) on 26.06.2020. Accordingly, district wise verification might be arranged thereafter.

(Compliance: Police, R&B, NHAI, UDD)

- (7) While reviewing Highway Patrolling status, the Chair instructed the Police department to speed up the process of procuring vehicles for the purpose, and further instructed to make sure that such vehicles are deployed on priority basis at the vulnerable stretches and Black Spots of the highways to maximize impact. ***(Compliance: Police)***

- (8) R&B, NHAI and Police department were instructed to identify vulnerable stretches and send the details thereof to the Authority as soon as possible.

(Compliance: Police, R&B, NHAI)

- (9) Road and Building department was instructed to take care of the street-lights to be provided in rural areas in consultation with Panchayat department, if necessary. The installation of Solar lights should be taken into consideration at such stretches on both sides of Highways where habitats/educational institutions are located. The compliance should be sent to the Authority as soon as possible. ***(Compliance: R&B)***

- (10) Reviewing the procurement status of equipment to detect traffic violations, the Chair asked the Police department to speed up the process of procuring deficit Speed Guns, Interceptor Vehicles, and CCTV cameras, which is a

major part of strategy to be adopted to reduce or prevent fatal road accidents.

(Compliance: Police)

- (11) The Chair asked NHAI, R&B and Urban Development Department to be specific with their data regarding the compliance status of implementing Traffic Calming Measures; and instructed to send the pending detailed compliance to the Authority in desired format. ***(Compliance: R&B, NHAI, UDD)***
- (12) The Commissioner of Road Safety instructed the concerned departments to keep the bridges and roads of the State safe, conduct regular safety audits/verification of road and bridges, and send the details of the compliance to the Authority with proper facts and figures. ***(Compliance: R&B, NHAI, UDD)***
- (13) The Chair asked NHAI, R&B and UDD to complete the remaining Road Audits of the most accident prone road segments, and send a detailed report consisting timeline for the implementation of recommendations of the audit to the Authority. The recommendations should be implemented in a time bound manner. ***(Compliance: R&B, NHAI, UDD)***
- (14) The Chair asked the Health department to get done the district-wise mapping of ambulances of private hospitals. The Transport Commissionerate was instructed to help if needed. The data should be made available in a fortnight with concerned CRSCs/DRSCs and the Road Safety Authority. ***(Compliance: Health, Transport)***
- (15) Nodal Officer of the Commissionerate of Health presented that there were 20 Trauma Care Centres in the State which have been taking care of extending medical treatment to the victims of the accidents. Considering the directions of SCoRS, the Chair instructed Health department to propose more trauma centres based on proper statistics and justifications to the Finance department for approval. ***(Compliance: Health)***
- (16) Manager, GVK EMRI did a detailed presentation on 108 Ambulance services. On learning that 108 Emergency Ambulance Service would have 650 ambulances in their fleet by August 2020, the Chair instructed the Health

Department to allocate ambulances in consultation with Police department in such a way that response time gets remarkably reduced. The chair also instructed to give priority to rural areas in allocation/deployment.

(Compliance: Health, GVK EMRI, Police)

(17) The Chair asked stake holder departments to ensure that both long term and short term measures for recommendations of DIMTS report are carried out in a time frame. The R&B and State Traffic Branch informed the Chair that they did not have problems in the implementation. ***(Compliance: ALL)***

(18) The Chair asked Education department to include Road Safety Awareness in their syllabus for schools and arrange for awareness activities. Dy Director (Primary Education) informed that a chapter on traffic rules and safety has been taught at primary level. ***(Compliance: Education)***

(19) The Chair asked road owning agencies to frame scheme for establishing wayside amenities on highways. The Vice Chairman asked to provide hoardings showing nearest PHC-CHC distance and emergency numbers on all highways. Health department was also asked to keep at least 2 doctors posted at PHCs/CHCs round the clock. ***(Compliance: Health, R&B, NHAI, UDD)***

(20) Road and Building department informed that there might be 200+ water bodies approximately located close to State Highways for which necessary survey would be done. They would devise a scheme to safeguard such locations for road users. The department was instructed to prepare details location wise. ***(Compliance: R&B)***

(21) The Chair asked that R&B, NHAI, UDD must include closing of illegal gap in median in their Action Plan and also illegal gap in median data should be put and reviewed in the DRSC/CRSC meetings. All such illegal medians should be closed in coordination with the local Police to minimise serious accidents. ***(Compliance: R&B, NHAI, UDD, Police)***

(22) The Chair asked the Police and Transport departments to organize drives regularly against owners who allow their vehicles to be driven by underage students. ***(Compliance: Police, Transport)***

(23) The Chair asked the Home department to circulate a notification whitelisting 108 Emergency vehicles in traffic violations cases as sometimes they have to take short cuts to save lives of victims of accident. *(Compliance: Home department)*

(24) The Chair also asked the Home department to support 108 Ambulance employees in Medico-legal issues, so their time might not be wasted unduly in paper work or procedures. *(Compliance: Home department)*

Agenda 2: Ratification of Annual Road Accident and Fatality data

- SP (STB) made a detailed presentation on Annual Road Accidents and Fatalities for the year 2019. As such, the Committee ratified Annual Road Accident and Fatality Data for the year 2019 submitted by the State Traffic Branch of Home Department.
- The Chair instructed STB to ensure that the data get published by 31st October, 2020 in the format instructed by the SCoRS.

Agenda 3: Road Safety Fund

Road Safety Commissioner represented to the Committee that though necessary orders for granting non-lapsable road safety fund had been issued in 2019, the fund has yet to be allotted to the Authority. As there was limited grant available, it was requested to allot the fund. The Department gave the status of the allotment that the matter was under consideration of the Finance Department.

Agenda 4: Planning of Allocated budget

- Details of expenditure of Rs 78,72,742 incurred in the year 2019-20 were presented by the Authority which was approved by the Committee.
- The Road Safety Commissioner presented the planning of Rs 198 lakhs (238 1 – 40 1) allocated to the Authority for the year 2020-21 for administrative and

other expenses. The Committee has instructed the Authority to go ahead with works relating to road safety and administration of the office.

The Chair instructed all stakeholder departments to make sure that the same member Officer attends all the Executive Committee meetings, so that better co-ordination and compliance between the Authority and respective department can be ensured. All the departments are supposed to send compliance/reports/plans within the time frame without waiting for reminders.

The meeting then ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair and the members.



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To,
All the Members of Executive Committee