



Minutes of Meeting of the Executive Committee of Gujarat Road Safety Authority and Review of Road Safety Scenario (Date: 30.05.2022)

The Meeting of the Executive Committee of the Gujarat Road Safety Authority was held under the chairmanship of Shri M. K. Das, IAS, Additional Chief Secretary, Ports and Transport Department Govt. of Gujarat, at 3:00 PM on 30th May, 2022 in the Committee Hall of Ports & Transport Department. The list of members who participated in the meeting is attached as Annexure A.

At the outset, new incumbent Commissioner, Shri L.P. Padalia, IAS (Retd.) welcomed the Chairperson and all the members of the Executive Committee present in the meeting.

The discussions held and decisions taken at the meeting were as following.

Agenda 1: Approval to the Minutes of the meeting of Executive Committee held on 25/03/2022

- The Executive Committee reviewed and unanimously approved the minutes of last Executive Committee meeting held on 25.03.2022.

Agenda 2: Action Taken Report on instructions given in Executive Committee Meeting dated 25/03/2022

- Commissioner, Gujarat Road Safety Authority (GujRoSA) apprised the committee about the details of action taken based on the discussion conducted during the Executive Committee meeting dated 25.03.2022.
- Inspector General of Police, State Traffic Branch informed the committee about following training programs conducted by State Traffic Branch:
 - Use of advanced equipment installed in Interceptor Vehicles
 - Use of advanced equipment for rescue operations in Highway Patrol Vehicles
 - Training of Speed Guns and overall use of Interceptor Vehicles
 - Use of other advanced equipment for traffic regulations
 - Training on data collection and input of accident statistics as per the format issued by Ministry of Road, Transport & Highways (MoRTH)
 - iRAD application
- The Chair instructed to ensure that these training programs are conducted on regular basis and it should aim to cover optimum staff of the Department. (Compliance: State Traffic Branch)
- Commissioner, GujRoSA informed the committee about status of development of website for Gujarat Road Safety Authority. The financial bid has been opened by Gujarat Informatics Limited (GIL) and eligible agency would be selected soon. The Chair further instructed to expedite the process of onboarding of agency and launch of the website. (Compliance: GujRoSA)

Agenda 3: Approval of Road Accident Statistics of year 2021

- Road Accident Statistics for year 2021 in 21 formats were presented before the committee. Based on the review of the statistics it was instructed to analyze fatal road accident data of 2021 and prepare strategy and take requisite measures accordingly to reduce fatal road accidents in State. The Chair instructed to analyze the report thoroughly and to adopt specific strategies like 1) Location specific enforcement measures; 2) Type of Roads; 3) Type of Violations; 4) Type of Vehicles etc. for reduction of fatal road accidents.
- Commissioner, GujRoSA requested to verify the data as there was discrepancy of data in the number of road accidents and number of persons killed while comparing the present data along with the data shared in previous meetings. The Chair and Inspector General of Police, State Traffic Branch instructed the concerned officials to verify and then send corrected data to the MoRTH. (Compliance: State Traffic Branch)

Agenda 4: Implementation of State Support Program for strengthening Road Safety

- Commissioner, GujRoSA apprised the committee about recent GR regarding status of State Support for strengthening Road Safety. He also mentioned that queries raised by World Bank on the assessment questionnaires were duly addressed and sent by all Stakeholder Departments to World Bank.
- Commissioner, GujRoSA informed the committee about requirement to send the State's Commitment Letter for participation in State Support Program for strengthening Road Safety to MoRTH. The Chair instructed to send the letter of commitment for participation to the MoRTH.
- Based on the requirement of program, Commissioner, GujRoSA apprised about the vacant post of Account Officer and Clerical Staff at GujRoSA office. The Chair instructed Deputy Secretary, Ports & Transport Department to arrange to depute requisite staff on urgent basis for GujRoSA.

Agenda 5: Scheme for grant of Award to the Good Samaritan

- Commissioner, GujRoSA briefed the committee about recent formation of District Appraisal Committee (DAC) for granting award to the Good Samaritan. The Chairman and members of DAC are:

| District Appraisal Committee | |
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| Collector and District Magistrate | Chairman |
| Superintendent of Police (SP) | Member Secretary |
| Chief District Health Officer (CDHO) | Member |
| Regional Transport Officer (RTO) | Member |
| Regional Enforcement Officer (REO) – Gujarat Road Safety Authority | Invited Member |

- Commissioner, GujRoSA also apprised the committee that the Authority has sought for a clarification from MoRTH whether an individual is to be awarded as Good Samaritan, if victim does not survive during or post hospitalization. Committee also noted that guidelines issued by MoRTH for 'Good Samaritan Scheme' emphasizes to reward a person as Good Samaritan where life of victim is saved in a fatal road accident.

- The Chair further instructed to examine possibility of identifying local donors to appreciate efforts of Good Samaritans in cases where the victim has lost his / her life during / post hospitalization. (Compliance: GujRoSA / City-District RSCs)

Agenda 6: Compliance of directions given by Supreme Court Committee on Road Safety (SCoRS) regarding District Road Safety Committee

- Commissioner, GujRoSA briefed the committee about the compliances to be submitted to Supreme Court Committee on Road Safety (SCoRS). The structure of District Road Safety Committee was presented to the Committee. The Committee deliberated about the feasibility of Highway Administrator as Member Secretary for DRSC. It was discussed that Roads & Buildings department have different divisions for different categories of roads like R&B State, R&B Panchayat Roads , R&B National Highways and Gujarat State Road Development Corporation (GSRDC) roads. The Project Administrators (Engineers) handle administration of different categories of roads in the State. The Committee also discussed that all these categories of roads fall in majority of the districts of the State which may make difficult to nominate a particular officer (Engineer) as Member Secretary. Therefore selection of Member Secretary from R&B Department would be less feasible.
- The Committee further discussed that Regional Transport Officers of the Districts are already involved in implementing enforcement measures and are well aware about these tasks. Therefore, the committee unanimously agreed that it would be feasible that Regional Transport Officer of the District should be Member Secretary of District Road Safety Committee.
- It was also briefed that as per directions given by SCoRS , the DRSC should hold its meeting at least fortnightly on a virtual platform and meet physically at least once a month at the venue prescribed by the Chairman, DRSC. The minutes of such meetings shall be made public on the district website within 48 hours of the meeting, and also be uploaded to the web portal of MoRTH. Commissioner of Transport apprised the committee that all City / District Road Safety Committees have been communicated to organize the meetings as per directions given by SCoRS. A communication was also sent to the DRSCs by the Gujarat Road Safety Authority.
- The Chair instructed to send a D.O. Letter to all the Chairmen of District Road Safety Committees and instruct them to conduct meetings with prescribed agenda on regular basis as per directions given by SCoRS. (Compliance: GujRoSA)
- Assistant Director, Medical Services, Department of Health & Family Welfare suggested to also include Chief District Health Officer (CDHO) in addition to Chief District Medical Officer (CDMO) as a member to the District Road Safety Committee. As per directions of SCoRS, Chief Medical Officer of Health (Ex-officio) is mentioned as member of DRSC. However in Gujarat, CDHO and CDMO are two designated officials who handle tasks related to public health in the districts. Therefore, committee members agreed that inclusion of CDHO and CDMO as members of DRSC would be feasible in order to cover all PHCs / CHCs / Govt. hospitals of the districts.
- The Chair instructed Deputy Secretary, Ports & Transport Department to include Chief District Health Officer & Chief District Medical Officer as members of District Road Safety Committee. The Chair further instructed to include Regional Enforcement Officer / Assistant Enforcement Officer of GujRoSA as invited member to the DRSC as the representative of the Authority. (Compliance: Ports & Transport Department)

Agenda 7: Provisional Black Spots for 2019-2020-2021

- Details of Provisional Black Spots identified for 2019-2020-2021, sent by State Traffic Branch, were presented before the committee. Committee noted that number of Black spots in Kheda District were the highest. However, Districts with higher or similar area / population such as Banaskantha, Sabarkantha, Jamnagar had zero Black Spot. Noting this stark difference, committee members expressed their view that there might have been misinterpretation in definition of Black Spot at District Level.
- Thereafter, the Commissioner, GujRoSA presented the definition of Black Spot which is as follows:
 - Road Accident Black Spot is a stretch of National Highway of about 500 m 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.
- The Chair instructed to verify that the data collection for black spots at district level is in accordance with the Black Spot's definition issued by MoRTH. Clarifying the definition of Black Spots, Commissioner, GujRoSA reiterated that a total of 10 fatalities in three calendar years is to be considered rather than 10 fatalities in single accident.
- It was unanimously agreed amongst the members of the committee that districts having zero black spots should be re-verified by State Traffic Branch soon. (Compliance: State Traffic Branch).
- The Chair further instructed to share these details of provisional black spots with District Road Safety Committees for verification, addition, and finalization of black spots and to take immediate short term measures and plan for long term measures, if any. (Compliance: GujRoSA & DRSC/CRSC)
- The Chair also instructed to focus on the districts having higher black spots and devise a strategy to mitigate those black spots as per the verified data. (Compliance: GujRoSA & DRSC/CRSC, Road Owning Departments)

Agenda 8: Gujarat Road Safety Authority related matters

- The matters related to GujRoSA were presented by Commissioner, GujRoSA
- Commissioner, GujRoSA apprised the committee that release of its administrative grant for Financial Year 2022-23 was to be expedited. The Chair instructed the Deputy Secretary, Ports & Transport Department to look into the matter and expedite the process of release of Grant to Gujarat Road Safety Authority. (Compliance: Ports & Transport Department)
- Commissioner, GujRoSA apprised the Chair about vacant status of Account Officer, Regional Enforcement Officers, Assistant Enforcement Officers and Clerical Staff. The Chair further instructed that requisite staff should be deputed on immediate basis at Gujarat Road Safety Authority. (Compliance: Ports & Transport Department)
- Commissioner, GujRoSA briefed the Committee about the GR regarding Gujarat State Road Safety Award. The following award categories were presented before the Committee as laid down in aforesaid GR.

| Sr. No. | Category | Award Amount (INR) | | |
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| | | First | Second | Third |
| 1 | Individual | 1,25,000/- | 1,00,000/- | 75,000/- |
| 2 | Organization (Individual, Education, Industrial) | 1,25,000/- | 1,00,000/- | 75,000/- |
| 3 | City / District Road Safety Committee | 1,25,000/- | 1,00,000/- | 75,000/- |

- Commissioner also briefed about the planning of Gujarat Road Safety Award 2022, wherein the Authority will publicize the scheme for award and its categories through various platforms. The Authority will further scrutinize the nominations received and declare the list of awardees after following due procedure laid out in the aforesaid GR. The Chair instructed to ensure transparency of the procedure.
- The Chair further instructed to examine a possibility of devising a scheme to award officials of Departments: 1) Health; 2) Police; 3) Commissionerate of Transport; 4) Roads & Building Department; 5) Urban Housing and Urban Development Department (UDD); 6) NHAI for their outstanding contribution in the field of road safety.
- Commissioner, GujRoSA briefed the committee that officials of GujRoSA have attended and gave inputs in the meetings of City / District Road Safety Committee at Ahmedabad, Surat, Kutch, Narmada & Kheda – Nadiad. The Chair appreciated the effort.
- The Training Programs / Workshops / Seminars conducted by GujRoSA at various locations were presented to the Committee. The Chair appreciated the effort and instructed to conduct more such awareness programs.
- Commissioner, GujRoSA apprised the committee that visits on selected vulnerable stretches were conducted by officials of GujRoSA. Reports of the findings were being shared to concerned DRSCs / Departments to implement corrective measures to ensure road safety on those respective locations. The Chair instructed all the Stakeholder Departments to ensure that these suggestions are carried out scrupulously and in time.
- Commissioner, GujRoSA presented the details of recent fatal accidents with photos / CCTV footage for locations to the committee as follows:
 - Lunawada to Modasa Highway
 - PDPU – Bhajipura Cross Roads, Gandhinagar
 - Sola Flyover, Sarkhej - Gandhinagar Highway, Ahmedabad
- The Committee reviewed these accidents in detail; the Chair instructed to implement necessary traffic calming measures immediately and curb over speeding to prevent further accidents at these locations. (Compliance: Roads & Buildings Department, Home Department)

Agenda 9: Review of corrective measures implemented on RTO Circle, Palanpur and Chiloda – Himmatnagar – Shamlaji Section, NH-48 by National Highways Authority of India

- General Manager, NHAI had done power point presentation as desired by GujRoSA about the corrective measures implemented at RTO Circle, Palanpur and Chiloda – Himmatnagar – Shamlaji Section. NH-48.
- Committee was informed that frequent accidents occurred in the past at the RTO Circle, Palanpur, some of which were fatal. A team of GujRoSA officials visited the location recently and suggested short term corrective measures. The team observed that lack of proper illumination and appropriate signages at the roundabout and steep turning made it difficult in maneuvering of vehicles led to fatal accidents. NHAI informed the committee that corrective measures as suggested during the visit were taken on the location. He further informed that construction of flyover was under progress, post its completion the issue would be resolved. However, the Committee insisted that short term measures must be completed on urgent basis as construction of the flyover would take time to complete. The General Manager, NHAI was also instructed to reduce the size of huge roundabout to ensure road safety. (Compliance: NHAI)
- The Chair also instructed General Manager, NHAI to repair damaged roundabout and make it visible at night by installing adequate number of Delineators, Cat-eyes, Hazard markers, Chevron markings and other appropriate traffic calming measures including repairing and reduction in size of roundabout. The Chair further instructed to ensure the availability of adequate road width for free flow of traffic and to implement Work Zone Traffic Management Plan (WZTMP) at the location and send a detailed action taken report with photographs immediately to the Authority. (Compliance: NHAI)
- General Manager, NHAI further informed the committee about the measures implemented on Chiloda – Himmatnagar – Shamlaji Section of NH-48. Commissioner, GujRoSA apprised the committee that the said road stretch had no proper WZTMP in place. The issues regarding WZTMP on various locations of the said road stretch were presented through photographs and videos by Commissioner, GujRoSA. The committee took a note of it seriously. The General Manager, NHAI informed the committee about the administrative issues which led to delay of project completion. He informed the committee that construction work of flyovers would be completed within two months on the said stretch which would take care of road safety.
- The Chair instructed to implement appropriate short term measures immediately as per WZTMP on whole stretch and send a detailed action taken report with photographs to the Authority in fifteen days. General Manager, NHAI must plan for long term measures soon. (Compliance: NHAI)

Agenda 10: Review of corrective measures implemented on Sarkhej - Gandhinagar Highway by National Highways Division of Roads & Buildings Department

- Under the instructions of GujRoSA, Superintendent Engineer of Roads & Buildings Department (NH Division) presented to the committee regarding the salient features and structures constructed on Sarkhej – Gandhinagar (S.G.) Highway. He also briefed the committee about the major works in progress and works in pipeline for the road safety on the highway.

- Commissioner, GujRoSA apprised about the issues related to Road Safety through video clips of different locations on the highway to the committee. It was also discussed that areas / locations prone to accidents must have proper signages and adequate traffic calming measures including hazard markers which were found missing at the start of medians, because over speeding of vehicles has been frequently observed on the highway.
- Shri Amit Khatri, Road Safety Expert, highlighted that Advanced direction signages should be installed at appropriate locations as per IRC: 67 – 2012 on the highway to guide road users about the upcoming locations. The Chair instructed to follow the code and implement it on all the roads & highways. (Compliance: NHAI, R&B, UDD)
- Commissioner, GujRoSA apprised the committee that the signages of speed limit on the highway stretch is 80 kmph. As many sections of highway stretch passes through urban areas, it was suggested to reduce speed limit of vehicles, if feasible. The Inspector General of Police, State Traffic Branch mentioned that the matter would be communicated to Commissioner of Police, Ahmedabad to check its viability and further actions. (Compliance: State Traffic Branch)
- The Chair further instructed to implement strict enforcement measures by allocating interceptor vehicles, using CCTVs, and operationalizing speed guns at locations prone to over speeding on the highway. (Compliance: State Traffic Branch)
- The committee also discussed about concerns related to pedestrian safety at various locations on the highway. The Chair instructed the respective department to look into the matter and provide necessary measures to address the issue of pedestrian safety on the highway. (Compliance: R&B-NH)

Other Points discussed

- The committee was informed that iRAD application developed by National Informatics Center (NIC) was launched state wide by Hon'ble Chief Minister of Gujarat on 1st May 2022. Salient Features of iRAD application were presented before the committee. It was also noted that the accident records and the requisite details pertaining to accidents were being captured in the application.
- The Chair instructed Superintendent of Police, State Traffic Branch to provide login credentials of iRAD application for Gujarat Road Safety Authority also. (Compliance: State Traffic Branch)
- Official of NIC highlighted regarding timely sharing of requisite details from Health Department. Nodal officer from the Department addressed the concern and assured that Medical Services, Medical Education and Public Health would coordinate with NIC and State Traffic Branch. (Compliance: Health Department)
- Superintendent of Police, State Traffic Branch also commented that informative signages depicting 'Accident Prone Zone' should be installed on all black spots and vulnerable stretches. The Chair agreed on the suggestion and instructed to implement the same. (Compliance: NHAI, R&B, UDD)
- Commissioner, GujRoSA briefed the Officer on Special Duty – SP & CIO of R&B that a visit was conducted on Surendranagar – Viramgam State Highway. A report with findings and recommendations was sent to concerned Executive Engineer. However, no compliance was shared with the Authority. The Chair instructed to look into the matter and take necessary measures on the said stretch soon. (Compliance: R&B)

- Commissioner, GujRoSA also highlighted that team of officials from GujRoSA had conducted visit on vulnerable stretches and blackspots of Bhavnagar District. Reports of the findings were being shared to concerned DRSCs / Departments to implement corrective measures to ensure road safety on those respective locations. The Chair instructed to take necessary measures on those respective locations and submit the action taken report with photographs before the next meeting. (Compliance: DRSC, R&B, NHAI)
- Inspector General, State Traffic Branch also mentioned that appropriate implementation of WZTMP and traffic calming measures on Ahmedabad – Rajkot Highway are missing and required actions should be taken as per IRC Code to prevent fatal accidents on the said stretch. (Compliance: NHAI/ R&B)

Comments by Road Safety Expert

- Shri Amit Khatri, Road Safety Expert emphasized on measures to be taken for pedestrian safety on S.G. Highway. He also laid emphasis on adopting appropriate Work Zone Traffic Management Plan on road stretches which are under construction in the State.
- He also suggested all stakeholder departments on adopting proactive approach to prevent accidents.
- The Chair agreed on the suggestions and instructed the respective departments to take appropriate measures to avoid fatal accidents on the respective road stretches. (Compliance: NHAI, R&B, UDD)

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the chair and members



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Annexure-A

Members Present in Executive Committee meeting dated 30/05/2022

| Name | Designation | Department |
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| Shri M.K. Das, IAS | Chairman & Additional Chief Secretary | Ports & Transport Department |
| Shri L P Padalia, IAS (Rt) | Commissioner | Gujarat Road Safety Authority |
| Shri Rajesh Manjhu, IAS | Vice Chairman & Commissioner | Commissionerate of Transport |
| Shri Piyush Patel, IPS | I.G. of Police | State Traffic Branch |
| Ms. Arpita Patel, GPS | S.P. | State Traffic Branch |
| Shri H.M. Vora, GAS | Officer on Special Duty | Commissionerate of Transport |
| Shri P.R. Patelia | Chief Engineer | R&B Dept. |
| Shri R. N. Mathur | S.E. | R&B Department |
| Shri Sujeet Kumar | General Manager | NHAI |
| Shri M.J. Christian | Dy S.P. | State Traffic Branch |
| Shri R.S. Desai, GAS | R.T.O. | R.T.O. Ahmedabad |
| Shri A.N. Mistry | Officer on Special Duty and Superintending Engineer | R&B Dept. |
| Dr. Hitesh Brahmhatt | Asst. Director | Commissionerate of Health |
| Shri D.N. Baranda | Addl. City Engineer | A.M.C. |
| Shri V.C. Patel | S.E. | GUDM |
| Shri N. K. Solankee | C.E.O. | Gujarat Road Safety Authority |
| Shri S.C. Pandya | Motor Vehicle Prosecutor | Commissionerate of Transport |
| Shri K. R. Vasant | Resident Engineer | NHAI |
| Shri U. K. Patel | R.E.O. | Gujarat Road Safety Authority |
| Shri Amit Khatri | Road Safety Expert | Executive Committee member |
| Shri Narendra Gohil | Manager | GVK EMRI |
| Shri Chirag Dhumela | SRM | NIC |