

Minutes of Meeting of the Executive Committee of Gujarat Road Safety Authority and Review of Road Safety Scenario (Date: 10.08.2022)

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 2:30PM on 10th August, 2022 in the Committee Hall of Ports & Transport Department. The list of members who participated in the meeting is attached as Annexure I.

At the outset, Commissioner, Gujarat Road Safety Authority (GujRoSA), 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 30/05/2022

1. Commissioner, GujRoSA informed the committee that there were no suggestions received for the minutes of last Executive Committee Meeting held on 30th May 2022. Hence the Executive Committee members unanimously approved the minutes.

Agenda 2: Notification of DRSCs regarding its structure and functioning as per directions of Supreme Court Committee on Road Safety dated 29th March 2022.

2. Commissioner, GujRoSA apprised the Chair and the committee that the Chairman (EC GujRoSA) & Addl. Chief Secretary (P&T), GujRoSA Office, and the Commissionerate of Transport had given instructions to the Chairmen of District Road Safety Committees (DRSCs) to conduct meetings on regular basis as per directions given by Hon. SCCoRS. The Chair instructed that DRSCs should take proper action and should have ownership and duty towards Road Safety. He further instructed that DRSCs should conduct regular meetings as per the notification by the Ports & Transport Department.
3. Commissioner, GujRoSA apprised the committee that Chief District Health Officer (CDHO) and Chief District Medical Officer both (CDMO) have been included as members to the DRSC as per the recommendation of Health Department.

4. The Committee was informed that Chief Officers of the municipalities/Urban bodies/Notified Authorities were also inducted as members to the DRSCs. The Chair instructed the Urban Development Department to ensure that these Officers in the districts regularly attend the DRSC meetings. **(Compliance: UDD)**

Agenda 3: Strategic Action Plan 2022-23

5. Commissioner, GujRoSA apprised the committee that Strategic Action Plan 2022-23 has been formulated after consultations with all the stakeholders and details received from the districts.
6. A presentation was given by Road Safety Consultant team regarding draft Strategic Action Plan 2022-23.
7. The Strategic Action Plan 2022-23 was unanimously approved by the Committee and adopted for implementation by all stakeholders/DRSCs.
8. The Chair instructed all the stakeholder departments to work diligently to meet the goals and work in coordination for ensuring road safety. **(Compliance: All Stakeholder Departments)**

Agenda 04: Review of Enforcement by Patrolling Vans, Patrolling Motorcycles, Interceptor Vehicles and Speed Guns by Police.

Dy. SP, State Traffic Branch (STB) presented before the committee the action taken report as per the instructions given in Executive Committee Meeting of 30th May 2022. The details are furnished below:

9. Training regarding Highway Patrol Vehicle and Speed Gun was conducted between 04.07.2022 and 08.07.2022.
10. The Road Accident Statistics for the year 2021 have been corrected for the variation observed in the yearly data and monthly data. The data has been resubmitted through Gujarat Road Safety Authority to Ministry of Road Transport & Highways.
11. DySP, State Traffic Branch then put forth the Road Accident Statistics for the period January 2022 to June 2022 in comparison with the data of 2021 for the same period. As per the provisional data for the period January 2022- June 2022, 8331 accidents occurred in the state in which 4019 persons died while 8042 were injured.
12. Further, the data of enforcement using patrolling vans, motorcycles, interceptor vehicles and speed guns were presented. The details of e-challans, spot fines, RTO memo and Court NC for the period January 2022 to June 2022 were shared with the committee.

13. The officer apprised the chair regarding the noteworthy work done by the Highway Patrol (Rescue Van).
14. The Chair appreciated the work done and instructed to ensure the effective enforcement is carried out throughout the year for ensuring road safety across the state. **(Compliance : STB Home Deptt.)**

Agenda 5: Training & Implementation of iRAD

15. DySP, STB then apprised the committee about the status of implementation of iRAD. iRAD has been launched on 1st May, 2022 in presence of Hon. Chief Minister of Gujarat. The accident data would be recorded now digitally and would be available online. The committee instructed him to provide detailed analysis of the data of accidents to GujRoSA. **(Compliance: STB Home Deptt.)**
16. DySP, STB further presented the statistics related to the personnel trained for implementation of iRAD of the stakeholder departments namely, the Police, the R& B Department, the National Highway Authority of India, the Commissionerate of Transport and the Health Department. The total trainings conducted were 353 with 6,167 participants in total.
17. The details of number of the trainings conducted with stakeholders for implementation of iRAD as on 09.03.2022 are as under:

Stake Holders	Total trainings conducted	Total Participants
Police	135	3,556
Transport/RTO	45	291
Highway(R&B)	99	703
NHAI	10	41
Health	64	1,576
Total	353	6,167

Agenda 6: Review of enforcement and checking of RUPD & SUPD by RTOs

18. Officer on Special Duty, Commissionerate of Transport shared with the committee regarding steps taken for enforcement and checking of Rear Under Protection Device (RUPD) and Side Under Protection Device (SUPD).
19. The Committee was informed that all the ARTOs and RTOs are already instructed through the letter dated 09.12.2021 to ensure fitment of SUPD and RUPD in the transport vehicles while issuing fitness certificate. The data regarding the same was also shared with the committee.

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20. The Chair appreciated the action taken and further instructed to ensure that 100% fitment of RUPD and SUPD is achieved through strict enforcement measures/fitness tests as large number of road accidents occur from rear end and side way collisions. **(Compliance : CoT)**

Agenda 7: Black Spots and Vulnerable Stretches

21. The commissioner, GujRoSA presented the data on Black Spots and Vulnerable Stretches received from C/DRSCs after verification. As per the latest data submitted to GujRoSA by C/DRSCs there are 271 Black Spots in the state, of which 175 are on National Highways and 96 are on State Highways, Major District Roads and Other Roads. The district-wise distribution of Black Spots has been furnished in Annexure II.
22. As per the directions of the Executive Committee, the data of districts with zero Black Spots was reverified by State Traffic Branch. However, there are some districts which have again reported zero Black Spots. The Chair instructed the State Traffic Branch to verify and update the data if necessary in coordination with the GujRoSA. **(Compliance : STB Home Deptt.)**
23. The chair instructed all the stakeholders to take effective short-term measures on all the Black Spots and Vulnerable Stretches immediately and plan long term measures if required accordingly and also make necessary budgetary provisions. **(Compliance : R & B Deptt, NHAI, UDD, STB Home Deptt.)**

Agenda 8: Review of Action taken based on instructions given during survey carried out on Chiloda-Himatnagar-Shamlaji Highway, Palanpur RTO Circle S.G. Highway and PDPU-Bhaijipura junction, Gandhinagar.

24. Chiloda-Himatnagar-Shamlaji Highway

- Deputy Manager, NHAI presented to the committee the steps taken to improve the Work Zone Traffic Management at Chiloda-Himatnagar-Shamlaji Highway Stretch and at Palanpur RTO Circle.
- While reviewing the action taken on Chiloda-Himatnagar-Shamlaji Highway stretch, the Chair found the work done as unsatisfactory and instructed the expert member Shri Amit Khatri to inspect for adequacy of provisions for Work Zone Traffic Management at Chiloda-Himatnagar-Shamlaji Highway stretch of NHAI and submit a report to the GujRoSA and the Committee. He reiterated that NHAI must ensure road safety. **(Compliance: Shri Amit Khatri, NHAI)**
- The Chair called for a meeting with NHAI's General Manager to discuss the road safety situation along the said stretch. **(Compliance: NHAI)**

25. Palanpur RTO Circle

- While discussing the work done at Palanpur RTO circle, the Committee was informed that the circle had been removed and construction work of a flyover had already started there. The Chair instructed the NHAI to ensure that proper Work Zone Traffic Management plan is followed scrupulously. **(Compliance: NHAI)**

26. Sarkhej-Gandhinagar (SG) Highway and PDPU Bhajipura junction, Gandhinagar.

- Shri R N Mathur, Superintending Engineer (R&B) presented actions taken to improve road safety along S.G. Highway. The Committee observed that it was extremely necessary to take all appropriate road safety measures. The Committee was further informed that the department intends to install Foot Over Bridges along S. G. Highway.
- The Chair instructed Shri P R Patelia, Chief Engineer & Addl. Secretary (R&B) to review the safety issues and adequacy of measures taken along S. G. Highway and PDPU Bhajipura Junction and to present the details to the Road Safety Commissioner as soon as possible. The Chair further instructed him to get the necessary safety measures executed and present the same to him separately. **(Compliance: R&B Deptt.)**

Agenda 9: Gujarat Road Safety Authority related matters

27. Website development of GujRoSA

- Commissioner, GujRoSA apprised the committee that evaluation process for onboarding of agency for website of GujRoSA is complete.

28. iRAD login for GujRoSA

- Commissioner, GujRoSA briefed the committee that Home Department had shared login credentials of Integrated Road Accident Database (iRAD) to GujRoSA as had been previously instructed.

29. Annual Activity Calendar 2022-23

- Commissioner, GujRoSA presented the tentative Annual Awareness Activity Calendar 2022-23 to the committee (Annexure III).
- The Committee unanimously approved the tentative Annual Activity Calendar 2022-23. The Chair instructed to ensure the implementation of the tentative calendar and that the mediums and contents used for road safety communications to public at large should effectively give the intended message.

30. Review of Expenditure of Gujarat Road Safety Authority

The following table details the expenditure incurred till 8th August 2022:

Gujarat Road Safety Authority Expenditure FY 2022-23 (INR)				
#	Purpose	Sanctioned Grant	Allotted Grant	Expenses till 08-Aug-2022
1	Pay and Allowances of Officers & Employees	2,35,00,000	2,47,12,500	47,40,307
2	Annual Expenses for Outsourcing	73,00,000		8,78,949
3	Office Expenses (e.g., Stationery, Electricity, Vehicle maintenance etc.)	61,50,000		4,63,020
4	Other Administrative Expenses (e.g., Seminar, Workshop, Training etc.)	43,00,000		71,605
5	Advertisement and Publicity (e.g., Awareness regarding Road Safety by Various medium)	6,00,00,000		2,36,419
6	Professional Services (e.g., Consultancy Services)	40,00,000		16,66,110
	Total	10,52,50,000	2,47,12,500	80,56,410

Commissioner, GujRoSA apprised the committee about the expenditure incurred by GujRoSA for FY 2022-23. INR 1052.5 lakh of grant has been sanctioned for GujRoSA for FY 2022-23. Expenditure incurred under various heads by GujRoSA till 8 August 2022 was placed before the Committee. It was presented that expense of INR 47,40,307/- have been incurred till date towards Pay and Allowances of Officers & Employees, while Expense of INR 8,78,949/- have been incurred till date towards Annual Expenses for Outsourcing. Expenses incurred towards Office expenses (which includes office vehicles expenditures, stationeries, electricity bills and miscellaneous expenditures) were INR 4,63,020/- and Other Administrative expenses (including Bhavnagar workshop costing 59,166/-) were INR 71,605/-. Expenses of INR 2,36,419/- incurred for Advertisement and Publicity includes the payment towards invoices for the months of March 2022 and April 2022 for the Documentation and Content Creation Agency 'The Last Word'. Furthermore, expense of INR 16,66,110/- has been incurred under Professional Services for payment towards invoices for the months of March 2022 and April 2022 to the Road Safety Consultant. i.e. Deloitte

Touche Tohmatsu India LLP. The Committee took note of the expenditure incurred and approved the same.

The Committee was further briefed that the sanctioned budgetary provision for the professional services in the FY 2022-23 is INR 40 lakh. As per the rates approved by SDPC for Road Safety Consultant there is additional requirement of about INR 58 lakh. Hence, there would be requirement of redistribution of funds within the same Object Head of the sanctioned budget for GujRoSA which is INR. 10.52 Cr. The Committee asked the Commissioner to send a proposal for the same to the Transport Department.

Agenda 9: Other important instructions from the Chair

31. The Chair instructed that the Urban Development Authorities while planning new urban areas should plan the road connecting the newly proposed urban area with existing roads in a way that road accidents are averted. Technical evaluation from competent professionals from the perspective of road safety may be carried out for the purpose. **(Compliance: UDD)**
32. The Chair asked Shri Satyen Kulabkar, Road Safety Expert to visit vulnerable stretches between Vadodara to Bharuch and provide useful suggestions. **(Compliance: Shri Satyen Kulabkar)**
33. The Chair insisted that senior officers of stakeholder departments to appraise the road safety situation in districts with higher fatalities in the calendar year 2021 and sensitize the officers of their department to take measures actively to improve the situation.
34. The issue of clarifications from Ministry of Road Transport & Highways Scheme for Grant of Award to the Good Samaritan. Good Samaritan scheme was discussed. Certain clarifications regarding the said scheme have been sought from the MoRTH which are necessary for proper implementation by the DRSCs. The Chairman mentioned that a letter was sent to the MoRTH at his level and matter will be taken up with the MoRTH.

The meeting concluded with the vote of thanks to the chair.



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Annexure-I
Members Present in Executive Committee meeting dated 30/05/2022

Name	Designation	Department
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 M. A. Chawda, IPS	Joint Commissioner of Police, Traffic	CP Office Ahmedabad
Shri H.M. Vora, GAS	Officer on Special Duty	Commissionerate of Transport
Ms. Arpita Patel, GPS	S.P.	State Traffic Branch
Shri R.S. Desai, GAS	R.T.O.	R.T.O. Ahmedabad
Shri P.R. Patelia	Chief Engineer	R&B Dept.
Shri T. R. Patel	Under Secretary	Urban Development Department
Shri R. N. Mathur	S.E.	R&B (NH) Department
Shri D. K. Sherawat	Dy. Manager (Tech)	NHAI
Shri M.J. Christian	Dy S.P.	State Traffic Branch
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 S.C. Pandya	Motor Vehicle Prosecutor	Commissionerate of Transport
Shri K. R. Vasant	Resident Engineer, Shamlaji-Chiloda Project	NHAI
Shri Anil Yadav	OHS Head, Shamlaji Chiloda Project	NHAI
Shri Prakash Solanki	Section Officer	Ports & Transport Department
Shri Hitesh Chaudhari	Section Officer	Urban Development Department
Shri S. B. Patel	R.E.O.	Gujarat Road Safety Authority
Shri V. B. Desai	A.E.O.	Gujarat Road Safety Authority
Shri V. J. Amin	A.E.O.	Gujarat Road Safety Authority
Shri Amit Khatri	Road Safety Expert	Executive Committee Member
Shri Satyen Kulabkar	Road Safety Expert	Executive Committee Member

ANNEXURE II

**DISTRICTWISE DETAILS OF BLACK SPOTS IN GUJARAT IDENTIFIED IN
2019-2020-2021**

Updated number of Black Spots identified in 2019-2020-2021				
Sr. No.	Name of district	NHAI/NH	SH/MDR/Other Road	Total
1	Ahmedabad City	20	10	30
2	Ahmedabad Rural	12	3	15
3	Mehsana	0	9	9
4	Rajkot City	10	3	13
5	Bhavnagar	9	0	9
6	Surat city	2	3	5
7	Surat Rural	11	2	13
8	Vadodara City	10	0	10
9	Vadodara Rural	7	5	12
10	Kheda	4	3	7
11	Sabarkantha	0	0	0
12	Jamnagar	0	0	0
13	Junagadh	4	1	5
14	Kutchh-East	2	2	4
15	Kutchh-West	0	3	3
16	Surendranagar	4	0	4
17	Amreli	0	1	1
18	Valsad	23	1	24
19	Bharuch	8	0	8
20	Panchamahhal	8	32	40
21	Gandhinagar	3	8	11
22	Dahod	2	1	3
23	Navsari	6	0	6
24	Narmada	2	0	2
25	Anand	3	2	5
26	Porbandar	2	1	3
27	Tapi	2	1	3
28	Dang	2	0	2
29	Aravalli	3	4	7
30	Gir Somanath	0	0	0
31	Chhotaudepur	0	0	0
32	Morbi	6	1	7
33	Devbhumi Dwarka	3	0	3
34	Botad	0	0	0
35	Banaskantha	0	0	0
36	Patan	0	0	0
37	Mahisagar	0	0	0
38	Rajkot Rural	7	0	7
Total		175	96	271