

Annexure B

**Government of Himachal Pradesh
Department of Transport**

No. TPT-F (1)-1/2016

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NOTIFICATION

The Governor, Himachal Pradesh, in exercise of the power conferred under Section 215(2) of Motor Vehicles Act 1988 is pleased to notify Himachal Pradesh Road Safety Policy in public interest and safety. The policy shall be implemented by co-ordinating all the stakeholders.

The Himachal Pradesh Road Safety Policy is as under:

1. PREAMBLE

- i. The Government of Himachal Pradesh is deeply concerned about the rising number of road accidents, fatalities, injuries and their long term effects on the society.
- ii. Since road accidents involve human lives, motor vehicles and roads hence the Government of Himachal Pradesh feels that road safety concerns have to be addressed on priority for which a holistic approach is needed.
- iii. Therefore, the Government of Himachal Pradesh states its commitment to reduce the road accidents and fatalities

2. VISION 2020

To provide an enabling Environment for safer travel on roads & to reduce fatalities & accidents by reasonable percentage.

3. POLICY STATEMENT

In order to achieve a significant improvement in road safety, the Government of Himachal Pradesh is committed to :-

(i) **Increase Awareness about Road Safety:** The Government of Himachal Pradesh in order to achieve significant results on road safety shall make all out efforts to promote awareness about implications of road accidents viz-a-viz social and economical measures required to be undertaken for curbing rising number of accidents. The reforms in this area would provide the active and extensive participation of the different stake holders to play a meaningful role in promoting road safety.

(ii) **Establishment of Road Safety Information Database:** The State Government will establish state level road safety information system to improve the accident investigation procedure and collection to data thereof for analysis and to take remedial measures.

(iii) **Strengthening Safer Road Infrastructure:** Improving road infrastructure will enhance road safety. The Government of Himachal Pradesh intends to introduce the best practices in design and construction of rural/ urban roads, keeping in view the India traffic conditions. For the existing roads, the road accidents data shall be analysed for rectification of black spots and removal of encroachment on the National/State Highways. Further traffic signage at all vital locations shall be ensured.

(iv) **Ensure Safer Vehicles:** The Government will take every possible steps to ensure that only mechanically fit vehicles ply on the road. For that purpose provisions of Authorized Testing Stations is being made including monitoring of emissions.

(v) **Safer Drivers:** The Government of Himachal Pradesh shall take all necessary steps to strengthen the training system of driver licensing regime. It shall be extended to the drivers who have already procured their license to enable them to be conversant with the new technologies and changing road design and conditions.

(vi) **Ensure Safety of Vulnerable Road Users:** Speed limit specified in the roads shall be displayed in the form of road signs and speed limiting devices such as rumble strips and speed breakers shall be provided in the accident prone areas. The road safety education programmes shall be made mandatory in the schools where school children shall be provided road safety exposure. Moreover, District level Road safety Committee shall also be provided financial support for organizing Road Safety Camps for vulnerable road users. Further NGO's shall also be involved in maximizing road safety education.

(vii) **Road Safety Knowledge:** Road safety knowledge shall be imparted to the professionals associated with road designs, road constructions, road network, management, traffic management and enforcement agencies.

(viii) **Enforcement of Safety Laws:** To ensure effective and uniform implementation of safety laws the Government will endeavour to assist various agencies to strengthen and improve the quality of enforcement. Patrolling and random checking shall also be carried out by way of special campaigns on all National/ State Highways and rural roads. To enforce strictly the provisions of Motor Vehicles Act & State Rules.

(ix) **Emergency Medical Services for Road Accidents:** The Government of Himachal Pradesh proposes to identify, motivated workers such as public servants, Government vehicle drivers, taxi drivers, NGO Volunteers, community leaders, students and train them to:

- (a) Recognize an emergency
- (b) Call for help
- (c) Provide treatment unit formally trained health care preserved arrivals. This group will be provided basic first aid skills and basic level of safe rescue and transport. Police, Home Guard personnel, NGO, & volunteers and NSS volunteer shall also be imparted emergency pre hospital training. First responder care tier of trauma care system shall also be developed. Besides this, trauma care centre shall also be established to take care of medical emergencies.

(x) **Human Resource Department and Research for Road Safety:**

The Government of Himachal Pradesh shall encourage increased activity in programmes of road safety research through RADMS. The data so collected shall be used to improve the road safety scenario in the State.

(xi) **Implementation strategy:** This policy indicates a broad outline of the measures to be taken. The Government will formulate specific measures and take appropriate action to give effect to this policy.

By Order

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