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GOVERNMENT OF MEGHALAYA  
TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT  
ORDERS BY THE GOVERNOR  
NOTIFICATION

Dated Shillong, the 4<sup>th</sup> July, 2017.

NO.TPT.188/2015/Pt-I/2: Since Road Safety has assumed a significant social, economic and administrative priority and in view of increasing trend of accidents and fatalities in the State. In exercise of the powers conferred by the proviso to Article 309 of the Constitution of India, the Governor of Meghalaya is pleased to notify the Meghalaya State Road Safety Policy as follows:-

The Government of Meghalaya details this State Road Safety Policy to bring about a significant reduction in road accidents and to reduce the level of deaths and injuries in road accidents to half by 2020.

The Government of Meghalaya further recognizes that as road accidents involve condition of roads, consciousness of road users and types of motor vehicles, road safety requires to be addressed involving all stake holders by adopting a holistic approach. The Government of Meghalaya feels that reduction in road accidents, Injuries and fatalities is the joint responsibility of both State and Central Governments and people's awareness and good road behaviour is critical.

1. Policy Statement:-

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

i) Strengthening Legal, Institutional and Financial Arrangements:-

The Government will take appropriate measures to ensure that the required legal, institutional and Financial arrangements for Road Safety are further strengthened and to put in place a mechanism for effective co-ordination of various stakeholders.

The Government will create a State Road safety fund with an initial corpus of Rs. 3 crore and the objective of strengthening road safety and implementation of road safety measures, through funding of respective State Sectors concerned and Central Government, or any other source. The Government will also ensure to establish Motor Accident Claims Tribunals (MACT) in adequate numbers.

ii) Raise Awareness about Road Safety Issues:-

In order to achieve significant improvement in road safety, the Government of Meghalaya will make serious efforts to promote awareness on road safety and its social and economic implications. It will facilitate various stakeholders of the State in planning and promoting Road Safety Awareness among the citizens through comprehensive measures involving technology, enforcement, education, emergency-care and will create an enabling Environment to encourage safe behaviour and the following of Rules of the Road and Transport.

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### **iii) Establish a Road Safety Information Database:-**

Since crash data are the key source of information for the planners, facilitators and researchers, Government of Meghalaya will ensure the development of a comprehensive database management system concerning road safety. The State Government will establish a State Level Road Safety Information System (SLRSIS) which will reach the District, Block and Police Station levels. To achieve this goal, it will seek the help and assistance of the Government of India as provided in the National Road Safety Policy and all Departments concerned will invest resources in collection, creation/up-dating and do data analysis. Data from District Hospitals and Ambulance Services would also be integrated or connected to the database as per needs, for better analytics. Also, a I.T. enabled N.H. Surveillance System will be put in place in active collaboration with the Ministry of Road Transport & Highways.

### **(iv) Safe-Road Infrastructure:-**

The State Government will take steps to ensure that the best practices in planning, design and construction of roads, including road furniture are adopted in the State. A certain percentage of not less than 5% of such project cost could be deployed for Road Safety measures. The Government will ensure to adopt the practice of Road Safety Audits. In all roads amounting to Rs. 10 crores and above, the safety audit would be conducted before the design stage. The "black spots" or "accident prone areas" shall be identified on the basis of the intensity and severity of accidents using appropriate indicators and effective measures to reduce the black spots would be taken. In construction work all the legal provisions relating to environmental and safeguards stipulated in road and bridge engineering along with emphasis on quality control in all stages of road construction. The Government will consider constructing wayside amenities/lay byes and embarkation and disembarkation points, service centres on major road network etc. which will result in substantial reduction in road accidents/fatalities. Government will consider introducing 'Traffic Calming' measures to physically reduce the speed in vulnerable stretches, near schools/hospitals/markets/other busy community locations. The Government will make a provision for cranes at reasonable distance gaps on National/State Highways for extending immediate clearance of the road blockades at accident sites, Hospitals alongside the National Highways and State Highways would be adequately equipped to provide for trauma care, rehabilitation and involvement of private practitioners and hospitals in management of trauma care ambulances will be encouraged. Government will ensure and maintain the access to each emergency area at hospital, and free from roadside parking or encroachments/obstructions. Government will ensure to train all commercial vehicle drivers in First Aid trauma care, etc.