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## NOTIFICATION

The 21st November, 2016

No: TMV.230/2016/9.- In pursuance of the approval of the Assam State Road Safety Council meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> October, 2016, the Governor of Assam is pleased to notify the Assam Road Safety Policy as below with immediate effect.

### STATE ROAD SAFETY POLICY

**WHEREAS** the State Road Safety Council in its meeting on 18<sup>th</sup> October, 2016 discussed the draft State Road Safety Policy in detail.

**AND WHEREAS** the council has observed that on an average one road accident take place every minute, and one fatal accident every fourth minute in the country and Road crashes cost approximately one to three percent of the country's GDP, it recognizes that road accidents have now become a major public health issue, and the victims are mainly the poor and vulnerable road users.

**NOW THEREFORE**, the council has expressed deep concern on the increasing number of road accidents, injuries and fatalities in recent years and inter alia, recommended formulation of State Road Safety Policy. The State Road Safety Policy outlines the policy initiatives to be taken by the State Government at all levels to improve the road safety



activities in the State. To achieve the goal of reduction in road accidents as well as fatalities by 50% by 2020, the State of Assam hereby declare State Road Safety Policy as under.

### **I. Preamble.**

The Government of Assam recognises that road accidents have now become a major public health issue, and the victims are mainly the poor and vulnerable road users. The Government of Assam further recognises that as road accident involve roads, motor vehicles and the human beings, road safety needs to be addressed on a holistic basis. Road traffic accidents, therefore, have the potential of being one of the largest challenges to orderly human existence necessitating immediate and urgent intervention. In the light of this, the Government of Assam through this Road Safety Policy reaffirms its commitment to bring about a significant reduction in mortality and morbidity resulting from road accidents.

### **II. Policy Statement.**

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

#### **(i) Strengthening Legal, Institutional and Financial Environment Arrangements-**

The Government will take appropriate measures to ensure that the required legal, institutional and financial environment for road safety is further strengthened and a mechanism for effective coordination of various stakeholders is put in place. The Government will create State Road Safety Fund with the objective of strengthening road safety and implementation of road safety measures through loan, grant, funding through central Government or any other sources as authorized by the Government. The Government has already notified Secretary, Transport Department as Nodal Officer in lead agency to ensure effective coordination and active and extensive participation of the Government Department, Community at large, the private sector, academia and NGOs. The Lead Agency shall be adequately empowered to address all concerns and issues relating to road safety. The department shall up an institutional mechanism such as Road Safety Authority for greater effectiveness and sustainability.

#### **(ii) Raise Awareness about Road Safety Issues and Road Safety Education and Training.**

The Government would increase its efforts to promote awareness about the various aspects of road safety, the social and economic implications of road accidents and what needs to be done to curb the rising menace of road accidents. They would enable and empower the different stakeholders to play a meaningful role in promoting road safety. Government will take steps to create awareness regarding