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MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT & HIGHWAYS
DEPARTMENT OF ROAD TRANSPORT & HIGHWAYS

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To

The Principal Secretary (Transport)/Secretary (Transport)/Commissioner
(Transport) of all States/UTs
IG (Police)/Commissioner of Police of all States UTs.

Sub: - Hazards of dazzling headlights of motor vehicles.

Sir,

1. This Department has been receiving a number of references from various quarters regarding the hazards of dazzling headlights of motor vehicles. There is no denying the fact that the concern is genuine.
2. You might be aware that the provision of mandatory fitment of auto dipper in the Central Motor Vehicles Rules 1989 was withdrawn in 2001, in the absence of a fool proof device. The technical experts have also confirmed that use of auto-dipper is not a worldwide practice. In fact no electronic device could endrely replace a driver's human judgment on use of low and high beam. Due to heterogeneous traffic and various ambient light conditions on Indian roads, it is difficult to develop a suitable device like auto-dipper. It is, therefore, necessary that the drivers use low beam for city traffic, dip the headlights for oncoming vehicles on highways and only use the bulb permitted by law. 3. As part of the Road Safety Awareness Campaign, this Department is already highlighting the need for judicious use of low and high beam, through Radio and Television Spots.
4. You may also undertake awareness campaign to sensitize the drivers as well as other road users regarding the hazards of dazzling light.

Yours
faithfully,
Sd/-
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