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From

The Transport Commissioner,
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To

All Deputy Transport Commissioners
All Regional Transport Officers
All Joint Regional Transport Officers
All Regional Transport Officers (Enforcement)
All Motor Vehicles Inspectors in Check Post

Sir,

Sub:- Motor Vehicles Department –Motor Accidents in the State – need
for a sensible driving culture - further instructions issued -Reg
Ref:- Report of various medias regarding increasing trend of accidents in
the State

The over view of statistics of road accidents show a reduction of accidents both in fatal and others during 2013. The Department had abled to achieve this result by effective enforcement of relevant act and rules and also by conducting road safety awareness programmes throughout the State. The reduction of road accidents is a remarkable achievement by the Department and is appreciated from all corners. Strict enforcement of helmet rules in two wheeler, Speed Governor in Transport Vehicles and enforcement of such other relevant provisions of the act and rules have made the department to get the result.

Even now, from various corners it is pointed out that, inspite of the department has made a lot of effort to control the increasing number of accidents, a good driving culture has not yet developed in the State. The young

generation drivers, especially the two wheeler drivers are making vulnerable situation in roads who are ignorant to the act and rules and other road users.

Report from various sources shows that the following are some major reasons for accidents caused by such category of people

- I. Dangerous over taking
- II. Reckless driving
- III. Riding and overtaking between vehicles
- IV. Riding in Zigzag manner
- V. Overtaking through left side of on going vehicle
- VI. Careless entry to main roads
- VII. Ignorance to traffic rules and traffic signals

In addition to the above the use of improper helmet, non locking chin strap of helmet while in use etc are also causing serious head injuries while the time of accidents. It is also revealed that number of cases of driving under influence of alcohol is reduced in city areas but in rural areas, such offence are very high as there are no frequent checking of vehicles. The improper use of high beam of head lights are also causing inconvenience to the other road users which is also leading to accidents.

In the above circumstances the awareness programmes under taken by the department is to be made more effective so as to develop a sensitive driving culture among the drivers especially the young generation drivers whether they are two wheeler drivers or others. Hence the following further directions are issued to mitigate above issues.

1. The awareness programme under decade of action plan 2011-2020 to be conducted giving stress to the points mentioned above.
2. Make publicity through various medias like news papers, news channel and by printed materials etc regarding the road safety activities.

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3. Make helmet rule more strict and use of improper helmet and use of helmet without chin strap are to be booked.
4. Daily road checking shall be strengthened to detect the offence mentioned above.
5. The offences of driving under the influence of alcohol are to be booked in rural areas as well as in city areas.

All officers in this department are once again instructed to work hard both in enforcement and awareness activities so as to make sensible driving culture among the drivers in the State to protect valuable human lives.

Yours faithfully,



Joint Transport Commissioner
(Enforcement)
For Transport Commissioner

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