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From

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Road Safety Commissioner

To

1. The State Police Chief,
Police Head Quarters, Thiruvananthapuram
2. ✓ Transport Commissioner- Kerala
Thiruvananthapuram



Sir,

Sub: Kerala - Measures to reduce Road Accident Deaths during Covid-19 lockdown period – reg.

It has been observed that 64 road deaths and 482 injuries were reported during COVID-19 pandemic lockdown period (from 25th March to 3rd May 2020). Most of the accidents were attributed due to over-speeding of vehicles. An analysis of road fatalities during COVID-19 lockdown period is given below.

Road accidents and fatalities reported during the COVID-19 lockdown period

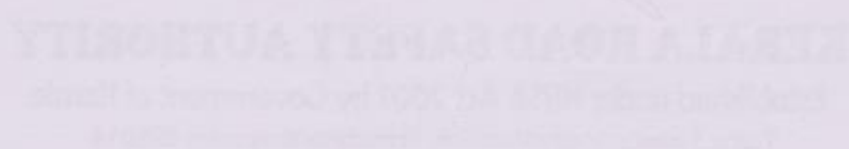
Lockdown period in 2020* (from 25 th March to 3 rd May 2020)			Corresponding period in 2019			Percentage variation (between 2019 and 2020)		
No of Accidents	No of Fatalities	No of Injuries	No of Accidents	No of Fatalities	No of Injuries	No of Accidents	No of Fatalities	No of Injuries
483	64	482	4437	565	5005	-89.1%	-88.7%	-90.4%

Source: State Crime Records Bureau, Kerala;

* provisional figures

With the COVID-19 pandemic situation and heavy rain forecasts for the coming months, the following actions are suggested as a precautionary measure:

- a) Strict enforcement of existing traffic rules to be ensured



- b) Joint enforcement by Police and MVD to be undertaken on major transport corridors.
- c) Awareness campaign for drivers as a precautionary measure for monsoon season to be carried out and frequent speed-checks to be conducted.
- d) Special care may be taken to prevent LPG / Petroleum tanker lorry accidents by creating awareness in the concerned drivers.

Field officers may be directed to strictly enforce speed limits during this period of Covid19, when the State's public health / medical resources are to be spared on pandemic emergencies, rather than spending on road accidents.

Yours faithfully,

Road Safety Commissioner

Copy to: The Principal Secretary,
Transport Department,
Government of Kerala

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