



**Calling Attention Notice moved by Dr. Shehnaz Ganai,  
Hon'ble MLC**

**CALLING ATTENTION NOTICE**

**"To call the attention of the government towards a matter of urgent public importance namely the situation that has arisen due to increase in the road traffic accidents across the State".**

**REPLY**

The topography of the State of J&K is hilly and tough. Government has taken various initiatives to connect all areas with Tehsil/District headquarters and all the district headquarters with capital cities for the overall socio-economic development. Accordingly alternate roads have been developed to link Kishtwar-Doda region with Kashmir via Sinthin top-Kokernag. Mughal Road has been constructed to facilitate shortest road link for twin districts of Rajouri-Poonch with Kashmir Valley and Kishtwar-Kokernag road are working as alternate link between Jammu Division and Kashmir Division.

Road connectivity has increased mobility of people across the State and this in turn has increased incidence of road accidents during recent past. However, following concrete measures have been taken to check/bring down the incidence of road accidents:

1. Ban on purchase of 4-wheeled Tata-407 Mini buses has been imposed in erstwhile District Doda (Doda, Kishtwar, Ramban), Reasi, Rajouri, Poonch and Udhampur w.e.f 2010 to avoid frequent road accidents.
2. Procedure of driving license to drive a public Service Vehicle has been made more stringent in terms of SRO notification No. 254 dated 25-06-2010 which inter-alia lays down conditions for attaining and qualifying for passenger vehicles


All 25 years old or older commercial/passenger vehicles have been taken off the road and all 15 years old or older passenger vehicles have to undergo mechanical fitness test twice in a year. Quick rescue operation teams headed by respective District Development Commissioner have been constituted in the hilly District across the State. Special patrol vehicles fitted with modern gadgets have been allotted to Traffic Police for the deployment on National Highway Srinagar-Jammu, Batote-Kishtwar, Jammu-Poonch etc to check traffic violation like over speeding, overloading and driving under the influence of liquor etc.

Road Safety council at State Level under the Chairmanship of the Chief Secretary of the State and recently review meeting was held in which a set of instructions have been given to the stakeholders to take necessary measures for Road Safety. Similarly at District Level under the chairmanship of concerned Deputy Commissioners, Road Safety Committees have been constituted and regular meetings/reviews are being held to involve all the stakeholders for Road Safety which includes 4 E's of road safety viz-viz Mass awareness through education, enforcement through Motor Vehicle Department teams. In addition medical camps and necessary emergency trauma centres are being established along the road sides to ensure proactive approach to accidents.

In addition, road Safety programmes are regularly being held by Motor Vehicles Department to educate the stakeholders, like college students, school children (above 18 years of age), Transporters & Drivers who are directly involved in the Road Safety and Traffic management.

During the current year 365 number of Road Safety programmes have been conducted in schools and colleges and 485 general awareness programmes for drivers & other road users have been held in which 21296 drivers were medically checked, while imparting awareness on various aspects of Road Safety. Road shows are being organized by RTO's and ARTO's at all district levels to educate people regarding road safety. Road Safety week is organized in the month of January every year. This year also the week was organized from 11<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup> January in a big way with emphasis on road safety measures, awareness programmes through debates, seminars. Besides conducting medical checkups for drivers. Also short movies depicting horrible road accidents were shown to infuse a sense of responsible driving amongst the drivers. Also depicting various do's and don't to be followed by the drivers.

The do's and don't were also displayed through banners and hand bills at different locations.

  
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