

**OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL SECRETARY/ TRANSPORT COMMISSIONER &
ROAD SAFETY COMMISSIONER,
GOVERNMENT OF TAMIL NADU, CHEPAUK, CHENNAI-5.**

The 6th meeting of the State Road Safety Council was held on 13.02.2018 under the Chairmanship of the Hon'ble Transport Minister and attended by the Chief Secretary, Director General of Police and other senior officials of the Government to discuss ways and means to reduce the road accidents and consequent deaths in the State of Tamil Nadu. The State Road Safety Council appreciated the efforts of various stakeholder Departments in reducing 5869 road accidents and 1061 deaths during the year 2017 comparing with the road accidents and deaths during the year 2016. The Council also noted that the road accident deaths during January 2018 have been reduced by 244 when comparing to January 2017. The Council has also confirmed the target of minimum reduction of 4195 road accident deaths in the State during the Calendar Year 2018. The Council has also directed the National Highways/ State Highways and NHAI to rectify all the black spots on these roads to reduce the road accidents. The State Highways Department has been directed to put speed breakers with appropriate Caution Boards on all the side roads which join the State Highways/National Highways/ NHAI roads. Similarly the State Highways Department as well as NHAI has been directed to provide Transverse Bar makings along with the Cautionary Boards and proper lighting on all the intersections and junctions to alert the drivers at the intersections and junctions. NHAI has been directed to close the 133 unauthorised cuts on

the NHAI roads. Wherever the bridges/culverts are narrow, the Highways Department has been directed to put necessary preventive measures with appropriate warning signs and markings to improve visibility and take action to widen all narrow bridges and culverts within a time bound period. The Council has also appreciated the suspension of 1,87,213 Driving Licences upto January 2018 for Over speeding, Over loading, Carrying of persons in Goods carriages, Red light jumping, Drunken driving and use of mobile phone while driving. To improve the effectiveness of Highways Patrolling Vehicles to prevent road accidents on the NHAI/ National High Ways/ State High Ways, the Police Department has been directed to monitor the functioning of Highways Patrolling vehicles closely. As large number of deaths happen in the two wheeler category, it was insisted that two wheeler riders as well as pillion riders must wear helmet to save their lives. The working hours of drivers of Tourist Taxies and Maxi Cabs have been regulated and all the Drivers/Owners must adhere to the workings hours failing which the Permit/Fitness Certificate will not be renewed and the Driving Licence of the Driver will also be suspended. Road Safety Jingles are being relayed through All India Radio on various themes for public awareness on Road Safety. The Vehicle Manufacturers and Vehicle Dealers are also contributing significantly for relaying of Road Safety Jingles on various themes through private FM Channels in the urban areas particularly Municipal Corporation areas where the reach of the All India Radio is lesser. The Council has also approved the incorporation of Road Safety Education into the curriculum of Text Books of State Education Board from 1st to 12th Standard.

The State Road Safety Council also made an appeal to all the road users to use road safely by observing all the traffic rules and strengthen the hand of the Government in saving the valuable lives of the people in road accidents.

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