

**Report on the  
Stakeholder's Consultation -  
Road Safety, a top priority for saving lives**

**Tuesday, 28<sup>th</sup> March, 2023  
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**Agenda**

**Venue: Seminar Hall, Environmental Planning and Coordination Organization (EPCO),  
Paryavaran Parisar, E-5, Arera Colony, Bhopal.**

11.00 -11.30 AM	Registration of participants
11.30 – 11.35 AM	<b>Welcome of guests &amp; participants</b> –Shri Avinash Shrivastava, Dy. Director, NCHSE
11.35 - 11.45AM	<b>Objective of the Stakeholders Consultation</b> – Dr. Pradip Nandi, DG, NCHSE
11.45 – 11.55 AM	<b>All Road Users need space on Roads – A Citizen's View</b> – Shri Sunil Shukla, Director Sarjana Academy
11.55 AM – 12.30 PM	<b>How Motor Vehicle Amendment Act 2019 is a game changer ?</b> – Shri Amarjeet Singh Panghal, Advisor Legal and Projects Consumer Voice, Delhi
12.30 – 12.50 PM	<b>Intelligent Traffic Management System</b> – Prof. Rahul Tiwari, MANIT
12.50 – 01.10 PM	<b>Address by Shri Pramod Kapse</b> , Road Safety expert, Transport Department, Government of Madhya Pradesh
01.10 - 01:25 PM	Open House
01.25 – 01.30 PM	<b>Concluding Remarks</b> – Ms. Rinki Sharma, Lead –Projects &CSR, Consumer Voice, New Delhi
01.30 PM	<b>Lunch</b>

# **Stakeholder's Consultation - Road Safety, a top priority for saving lives**

## **Introduction:**

As per the Road Accident Report for 2019, published by the Ministry of Road Transport & Highways in 2020, road accidents continue as a leading cause of death, disabilities and hospitalization in the country despite commitment and efforts by the GOI and the states. India ranks first in the number of road accident deaths across the 199 countries and accounts for almost 11% of the accident related deaths in the World. The report further states that a total number of 449,002 accidents took place in the country during the calendar year 2019 leading to 151,113 deaths and 451,361 injuries. Another report on MoRTH "Road Accidents in India, 2021 states that road accidents in India increased further to 1,53,972. These accidents and consequent injuries and fatalities occur due to various reasons, viz. due to deficiencies in traffic management, lack of enforcement of traffic rules, noncompliance of traffic rules by the road users and above all lack of awareness among the people about the road safety. Therefore, the Government of India enacted the Motor Vehicle Amendment Act 2019 (MVAA 2019) to mitigate high accidents and heavy Road fatalities in India. It has also target of reducing road accident fatalities by 50% by 2024.

As in 2019, Madhya Pradesh has been categorized among the top five states having high incidence of road accidents (50,669) and fatalities (11,249). In view of the above, National Centre for Human Settlements & Environment (NCHSE), in partnership with New Delhi based Consumer Voice has been taking initiatives to address the issues of public interest on road safety especially in the state of Madhya Pradesh. The initiative focuses on effective implementation of Motor Vehicle Amendment Act 2019 to help minimize road traffic deaths/injuries through addressing important behavioral risk factors, with focus on drunk driving, over speeding, not using child restraint and lack of seatbelt/helmet use etc.

## **Objectives:**

The objective of the event is to sensitize various stakeholders, especially the youth regarding road safety norms as well as to encourage them to observe traffic rules and help prevent accidents, deaths and serious injuries.

## Proceedings of the Stakeholders Consultation:

Shri Avinash Shrivastava, Dy Director, NCHSE welcomed all the guest speakers and the participants, introduced the guest speakers and gave introduction about the event-organizing partners.



The programme started with welcome of guests and the participants.

..... Programme Inauguration .....







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safety presented a comparison of deaths in India annually due to Road accidents, Covid pandemic, Cardiovascular diseases and natural disasters and pointed out that death due to road accidents in India is far more than others causes. He said that Central government brought out the Motor Vehicle (Amendment) Act in 2019 with a

target to bring down the fatalities due to road accidents to half by 2024. This Act promises to work on 5 Es, i.e. Road engineering, Vehicle Engineering, Enforcement of traffic rules, Education (creating awareness among road users) and Health Emergency. If the initial four-Es are followed properly, then road accidents can be prevented to a great extent and by controlling the fifth E health emergency, fatalities could also be reduced. He said that the main purpose of this stakeholder's consultation is to make the people of all walks of life aware about their responsibilities for preventing road accidents. He further said that NCHSE and Consumer Voice jointly organizing such events providing a platform for various stakeholders to express their views on the issues involved and how the government and the public could contribute to make the road safer.

On this occasion, Shri Amarjeet Singh Panghal, Advisor Legal Projects, Consumer Voice discussed in detail about the Motor Vehicle (Amendment) Act 2019 and why this is a game changer for the road users. Presenting the data on road accidents and fatalities as reported in the “Road Accidents in India, 2021 of MoRTH, GOI, he highlighted that speed is the biggest contributor to fatalities in road crashes. In the past decade, the number of people killed due to ‘speed’ in road crashes has been



increasing, contributing about 70% of the total deaths in road crashes in 2021, the persons in the age group of 18-45 accounts for 67% of death due to road accidents, and two wheeler riders accounts for 45% of the death and Madhya Pradesh state has the distinction of having 2nd

highest number of road accidents and 4th highest fatalities in India. These accidents and consequent injuries and fatalities occur due to various reasons- mainly due to over speeding, noncompliance of safety regulations and traffic rules by the road users and above all lack of awareness among the people about the road safety. He said that the Act has provisions for traffic regulations, Vehicle Insurance, registration of motor vehicles, controlling permits and penalties, speedy insurance claims settlements, compensation for road accident victims, cashless treatment of road accident victims during golden hour etc. It provides for higher penalties for errant drivers, but this just a deterrent against habitual offenders

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to habit/ behavior of the drivers. Over speeding is in the behavior of a section of people. He stressed upon proper investigation for accidents. Intelligent Traffic Management system which also uses hidden cameras could detect over speeding, behaviors of drivers and other causes of accidents.

He also stressed upon the responsibilities of all stakeholders to reduce accidents and save lives.

Shri Pramod Kapse, Nodal Officer, Road safety representing the Transport Commissioner said that all stakeholders have the responsibility collectively to prevent

road accidents and save lives. He further said that government is doing its best to make the lives of road user safer, though there are several hurdle to achieve that. Making attitudinal changes among the road users about compliance of road safety norms is a challenge. He also mentioned about the provision of award of Rs 5,000 under the Good Samaritan Act enacted by the state government to encourage the general public to help the road accident victims receive the medical attention within the golden hour, but is most of the people have no knowledge about it.



While expressing citizen's views Shri Sunil Shukla, Director, Sarjana Academy said that police is biased while imposing fines for violating traffic rules / wrong parking of vehicles. Though the Police in most of the areas in city (Bhopal) does not find



parking of vehicles on road sides as a violation, it may issue challan of vehicle in selected locations for general public while overlooking violations by the government vehicles or of persons having political connections. He pointed out that one of the major reasons of road accidents is issuing driving license without any test

driving, though Bhopal has a modern facility for driving test but not in operation. He stressed the need to include the traffic regulations in the school curriculum.

Shri Raghuraj Singh expressed his concern as a senior citizen for driving along with the vehicles violating traffic rules, like over speeding, changing lanes without using



indicators, etc. He said that police are usually not visible in areas of traffic bottleneck or in busy junctions where they are expected to be present to ease the traffic. He also complained about the habit of advertising agencies in putting up bill boards on behalf of political leaders at the road junctions causing hindrance for traffic movement and road safety. Not only general public violating

the traffic rules, but the rules are being violated by Police itself. Police often seen



driving two wheelers without helmet. If police violate, how can we expect the general public to follow rules.



Ms. Rinki Sharma, Project Head, Consumer Voice made concluding remarks summarizing the event.

About 50 persons, comprising of school/college students, civil society members, senior citizens, youth, and teachers participated the event.



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## Discussion on 'Road Safety, a top priority for saving lives' held



Amarjeet Singh Panghal, Advisor Legal Projects, Consumer Voice along with other dignitaries discussing on 'Road Safety, a top priority for saving lives' held in the state capital the other day.

### ■ Staff Reporter

"ALL stakeholders have a collective responsibility to prevent road accidents and save lives through creating awareness on road safety among road users." This was the view expressed by Pramod Kapse, Nodal Officer, Transport Commissioner at the Stakeholder's Consultation - 'Road Safety, a top priority for saving lives' organised jointly by National Centre for Human Settlements & Environment & Consumer Voice, New Delhi in Bhopal on Tuesday.

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# सड़क सुरक्षा की पहली प्राथमिकता जान बचाना है

## सड़क सुरक्षा पर हितधारकों का विमर्श



**भोपाल।** सड़क सुरक्षा के प्रयासों में हमारी सर्वोच्च प्राथमिकता दुर्घटनाग्रस्त व्यक्ति की जान बचाना है। ये बात हितधारकों के विमर्श ५ सड़क सुरक्षा- जिंदगी बचाने के लिए सर्वोच्च प्राथमिकता में कही गई। कंज्यूमर वॉइस, नई दिल्ली और नेशनल सेंटर फॉर ह्यूमन सेटलेमेंट्स एंड एनवायरनमेंट (एन सी एच एस ई) के संयुक्त तत्वावधान में एफको सेमिनार हॉल में आयोजित इस विमर्श में करीब 50 प्रतिभागियों ने शिरकत की जिनमें स्वयंसेवी संस्थाओं के प्रतिनिधि, शिक्षक, युवा, छात्र और वरिष्ठ नागरिक शामिल थे।

परिवहन विभाग के नोडल अधिकारी प्रमोद कापसे ने बताया कि सरकार के प्रयासों से सड़क सुरक्षा को बेहतर बनाने के तमाम प्रावधान किए गए हैं जैसे किसी गंभीर दुर्घटनाग्रस्त व्यक्ति को गोल्डन ऑवर (एक घण्टे के

भीतर) में उचित चिकित्सा मुहैया कराने वाले व्यक्ति को 5000 रुपये प्रोत्साहन राशि दी जाएगी। उन्होंने कहा कि सड़क सुरक्षा की जवाबदारी सिर्फ सरकार की नहीं है इसके लिए समाज के सभी वर्गों को बराबर की जिम्मेदारी है।

मध्य प्रदेश का सड़क दुर्घटना में भारत में दूसरा स्थान है वहीं दुर्घटना से होने वाली मौतों में चौथा। सबसे ज्यादा हदसे तेज गति से वाहन चलाने में होते हैं। इसके अलावा सीट बेल्ट अथवा हेलमेट का प्रयोग न करना, मोबाइल का उपयोग और ट्रेफिक नियमों की अवहेलना भी मुख्य कारण हैं। कंज्यूमर वॉइस के लीगल प्रोजेक्ट एडवाइजर अमरजीत सिंह फंवाल ने संशोधित मोटर यान अधिनियम 2019 की विस्तार से व्याख्या करते हुए समझाया कि कैसे ये सड़क उपयोगकर्ताओं के लिये हितकारी होगा। उन्होंने कहा कि एक्सीडेंट की जगह अब %रोड क्रीश% शब्द का

उपयोग किया जाएगा है। उन्होंने बताया कि सड़क हदसों में मरने वाले करीब 70 फ्रीसदी 18 से 45 आयु वर्ग के होते हैं और 45 फ्रीसदी मृत्यु दुर्घटना चालकों की होती है।

मैनिट के असिस्टेंट प्रोफेसर डॉ गहुल तिवारी ने अपने शोध पर आधारित निष्कर्ष में बताया कि बहुत से चालकों को तेज गति से वाहन चलाने की आदत सी होती है और ये उनके व्यवहार का हिस्सा बन चुका होता है। यात्रा के दौरान ही यदि तेज गति पर आर्थिक दंड की सूचना मिल जाती है तो गति 10 प्रतिशत तक कम हो जाती है। उन्होंने बताया कि इटली जेट ट्रेफिक मैनेजमेंट सिस्टम द्वारा अब सभी वाहन पुलिस की नजर से बच नहीं सकते और लापरवाही पर गंभीर परिणाम भुगतना होगा।

आमजन की तरफ से बोलते हुए फिल्म्कार सुनिल शुक्ल ने कहा कि पुलिस एक बार में सिर्फ एक ही गड़बड़ी

पकड़ती है जैसे हेलमेट या सीट बेल्ट या गति जबकि हर लापरवाही पर तुरंत कार्यवाही की जाना चाहिए। उन्होंने कहा कि लाल सिग्नल का जितना सम्मान कर सके उतना ही कम लाल रंग सड़क पर बहेगा। आयोजक संस्था एन.सी.एच.एस.ई. के महानिदेशक डॉ प्रदीप नन्दी ने कार्यशाला के उद्देश्यों की जानकारी देते हुए कोविड में और सड़क हदसों में हुई मृत्यु की तुलना करते हुए बताया कि सड़क हदसों में अचानक मरने वाले किसी भी बीमारी या महामारी से मरने वालों से कहीं ज्यादा होते हैं। उन्होंने कहा कि हमारे प्रयासों का मुख्य उद्देश्य है कि लोग सड़क सुरक्षा की जरूरत और गंभीरता को समझें और इसमें ज्यादा से ज्यादा भागीदार बनें। वक्तवश को गुरुराज सिंह एवं रिकी शर्मा ने भी संबोधित किया। कार्यक्रम का संचालन अविनाश श्रीवास्तव ने किया।

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## सड़क सुरक्षा की पहली प्राथमिकता जान बचाना है: कापसे

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## **Attendance Sheets**