

ABSTRACT

Road Safety - Creation of Road Safety Cell to assist Road Safety Commissioner to Monitor the Road Safety related activities in the State - Orders - issued.

Home (Transport - V) Department

G.O.(D)No.705

Dated: 13.07.2011

Read:

1. Minutes of the 21st Meeting of Inter Departmental Committee on Road Safety fund held on 3.9.2010.
2. From the Transport Commissioner, Chennai-5, Letter NO.26163/C2/2010, dated:12.11.2010 and 26.5.2011.

ORDER:

in the Inter Departmental Committee Meeting on Road Safety fund held on 3.9.2010, among others it was decided to create a Road Safety Cell to assist the Road Safety Commissioner to.

- I. Monitor the Road Safety Funded Programmes in all the Districts.
- II. Evaluate the Road Safety Fund utilization and to suggest effective utilization of Funds.
- III. Provide guidance to the Stake holder departments for better Road Safety Planning activities.

2. Based on the above decision, the Transport Commissioner in his letter second read above has sent detailed proposal for creation of Road Safety Cell to Government.

3. The Government have examined the proposal of the Transport Commissioner carefully in detail and decided to accept it. Accordingly, the Government order creation of a Road Safety Cell in the office of the Road Safety Commissioner, Chennai with the following resource personnel:-

1. A Road Safety Cell with the following members shall be constituted.
 - (i) One Inspector of Police from the Police Department.
 - (ii) One Assistant Engineer (or) Assistant Director of Highway Research Station from the Highways Department.
 - (iii) One Regional Transport Officer (or) Motor Vehicles Inspector Grade-I from the Transport Department.
 - (iv) One Lecturer from Anna University possessing a Master's Degree in Transportation Engineering.
2. The terms of references to the Road Safety Cell is annexed to this order.
3. The Road Safety Cell shall assist the Transport Commissioner / Road Safety Commissioner in the matters related to Road Safety activities as indicated in the terms of references annexed to this order.
4. The members of the Road Safety Cell shall be paid Traveling Allowance / Dearness Allowances etc. as per rules in force from the Road Safety Fund. Wherever they are engaged with the activities mentioned in the terms of reference annexed to this order.

(BY ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR)

RAMESH RAM MISHRA
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Transport Commissioner, Chennai-5.

ANNEXURE

THE TERMS OF REFERENCE TO THE ROADS SAFETY CELL:

1. Analysing Road Safety information Database

This high growth rate in accidents has to be considered as a matter of grave concern and steps are needed to be taken on a priority basis to reduce their number. In this context, the Road Safety Cell will examine the frequency of the accidents and ponder over the real reasons behind such alarming increase in accident rates.

2. Improving Safe Road Infrastructure

Tamil Nadu has one of the highest accident rates in the country. The problem of road accidents is huge, and the factors involved are many. Engineering measures can contribute significantly towards safety. The trend is for system wise safety planning. For instance, accident prone spots may be studied intensively for comprehensive package of improvements with special emphasis on safety aspects. Continuous efforts will be made to minimize the accidents by realigning accident prone spots, widening of roads, pedestrians subways, driver training, etc based on the findings of the Road Safety Cell.

3. On the Spot Analysis of Major Road Accidents

At present, a three member team consisting of one Police Inspector, one Assistant Engineer, Highways Department, one Motor Vehicle Inspector, Transport Department, in the District make on the spot study on road accidents and furnish study reports. However, the Road Safety Cell will visit the major accident spots with more than 10 fatalities to study, analyze and report for better remedial measures.

4. Guidance for Preparation of Proposals for Road Safety Fund

The proposals for Road Safety Funds are to be prepared on need basis with an expert knowledge of specialized team. At present, proposals from some districts are not properly presented. The Road Safety Cell will undertake visits to districts and offer guidance in the preparation of the project / proposals.

5. Monitoring the Road Safety Funded Programmes

At present, there is no effective monitoring of the Road Safety Funded Programmes. The Road Safety Cell will undertake inspection of the ongoing Programmes / Completed Programmes and offer suggestions through feedback for effective utilization of Road Safety Funds.

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