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GOVERNMENT OF PUDUCHERRY TRANSPORT SECRETARIAT

(G.O. Ms. No. 27/Tr.Sectt//2015, dated 28th December 2015)

NOTIFICATION

Whereas, taking into consideration, the grim road safety scenario, the Government of India, Ministry of Road Transport and High ways, New Delhi has directed the State/Union Territory Governments to prepare and notify State Level Road Safety Policy and Action Plans in a multipronged approach so as to reduce the incidence of road accidents in the country aiming to reduce fatalities and road accidents by 50% by the year 2020.

And whereas, the Lead Agency with the involvement of Line Departments has prepared the Road Safety Policy and Action Plan for the Union territory of Puducherry.

And, therefore, the Lieutenant-Governor, Puducherry is pleased to approve the Road Safety Policy and Action Plan for the Union territory of Puducherry as appended to this notification. As per the policy statement, the Line Departments shall prepare an action plan for improving road safety in a time bound manner with annual targets and commensurate allocation of resources in coordination with Lead Agency.

The fund realized *vide* G.O. Ms. No. 16/Tr.Sectt/2015, dated 20-8-2015 notifying Road Safety Fund Rules for the Union territory of Puducherry and G.O. Ms. No. 17/Tr.Sectt/2015, dated 20-8-2015 notifying Compounding of Offences under Motor Vehicles Act, 1988, along with budgetary provisions shall be utilized in improving the road safety measures in the Union territory of Puducherry.

This issues with the concurrence of the Finance Department *vide* their U.O. No. 2403/F-5/A1/15-16, dated 7-10-2015.

(By order of the Lieutenant-Governor)

S. THAMMU GANAPATHY,
Deputy Secretary to Government (Transport).

ROAD SAFETY POLICY AND ACTION PLANS FOR THE UNION TERRITORY OF PUDUCHERRY

1. Preamble :

Puducherry, a Union Territory with legislature, comprises of four regions namely Puducherry, Karaikal, Mahe and Yanam lying geographically separated from one another with an area of 493 sq. kms. Owing to its historic background and better development index is witnessing growing urbanization. As per 2011 census, the population of Union territory of Puducherry is 12.48 lakhs with 68.31% living in urban area. The past two decades have witnessed accelerated urbanization, increased urban sprawl, vehicle ownership, traffic volume which has resulted in congestion, delays, rise in accidents and pollution levels, etc., which poses potential threat to the economic vitality and productive efficiency of the society. There are 7, 59,407 registered vehicles in the Puducherry (as on 10th December 2014) with more than 50% of the private vehicles registered in the last decade. The National Crime Records Bureau has observed highest rate of accidental deaths per lakh population in the Union territory of Puducherry.

Consequent upon the global concern over increasing rate of fatalities arising out of road accidents and the proportion of accidents in developing countries, the United Nations General Assembly has declared "2011-2020" as the "Decade of Action for Road Safety" laying down guidelines to reduce this menace, universally accepted including the Government of India. In pursuance of the direction of Apex Court and the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways, the Government of Puducherry has proposed to frame a State Policy on Road Safety covering both preventive and post-accident aspects of Road Safety encompassing initiatives of public policy as well as implementable Action Plan agenda.

A Puducherry Road Safety Policy and Action Plan is a critical initiative in the effort to improve road safety issues to a position of high priority on the state agenda. The policy and Action Plan provides the basis for working toward attaining the vision of "accident free Puducherry" by promoting safe mobility for all. It creates a framework for relevant Governmental departments and Agencies towards the rational use of scarce resources and reducing duplication of effort in fulfilling the set vision.

2. Vision :

The vision for Puducherry is to have accident free and safe mobility for all. The policy will pave way to embrace and incorporate the legislative, enforcement, financial, physical and socio-economic structures required to achieve the set vision in accordance with internationally accepted standards so that all concerned actors in society will work in harmony by cooperating and sharing knowledge, expertise and resources to reduce road accidents.