

**GOVERNMENT OF PUDUCHERRY  
TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT**

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Sub: TD-Minutes of 6<sup>th</sup> Puducherry Road Safety Council  
Meeting held on 26.09.2023 under the chairmanship  
of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Puducherry - Reg.

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The Minutes of the 6<sup>th</sup> Puducherry Road Safety Council meeting held on 26.09.2023 at 12.30 P.M, in the Chamber of the Hon'ble Chief Minister, Puducherry under the Chairmanship of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Puducherry is hereby communicated for your kind reference.

  
(Dr. A.S SIVAKUMAR)  
TRANSPORT COMMISSIONER

**To**

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| 1  | The Chief Secretary to Government, Puducherry                           | - | Member |
| 2  | The Director General of Police, Puducherry                              | - | Member |
| 3  | The Secretary to Government. (Transport), Puducherry                    |   | Member |
| 4  | The Secretary to Government. (PWD), Puducherry                          | - | Member |
| 5  | The Secretary to Government. (LAD), Puducherry                          | - | Member |
| 6  | The Secretary to Government. (Town Planning), Puducherry                | - | Member |
| 7  | The Director, LAD, Puducherry   | - | Member |
| 8  | The Chief Engineer, PWD, Puducherry                                     | - | Member |
| 9  | The Chief Town Planner, Puducherry                                      | - | Member |
| 10 | The General Secretary, Association of Bus Owners, Puducherry            | - | Member |
| 11 | The General Secretary, Association of Goods Carriage Owners, Puducherry | - | Member |

**Copy to:**

1. The Private Secretary to Hon'ble Chief Minister,.
2. The Private Secretary to Hon'ble Minister (Public Works).
3. The Private Secretary to Secretary to Government (Education).
4. The Private Secretary to Transport Commissioner.

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**Minutes of the 6<sup>th</sup> Puducherry Road Safety Council meeting held on 26-09-2023 at  
12.30 P.M.**

The sixth meeting of the Puducherry State Road Safety Council was held on 26-09-2023 at 12.30 P.M. in the Chamber of Hon'ble Chief Minister, Puducherry under the Chairmanship of the Hon'ble Chief Minister. The list of participants is placed in the Annexure.

At the outset Secretary (Transport) welcomed the Chairman and the members of the Council. The Secretary (Transport) informed the council that the field inspection was conducted by M/s. DIMTS, New Delhi appointed by the Supreme Court Committee on Road Safety during the month of October, 2022. The audit team has sent a copy of the draft audit report during the month of February 2023 requesting to furnish objections if any in order to submit the final report. The Transport Department has forwarded the objections received from all the stake holding departments over the said report. The Chairman, Supreme Court Committee on Road Safety has convened a virtual meeting on 25.09.2023 at 11.00 A.M. and reviewed the findings and recommendations of Audit team for finalizing the audit report. The Chief Secretary, Secretaries, DGP and Head of Departments of all line departments have attended the virtual meeting.

The Secretary (Transport) informed that the convening of Puducherry Road Safety Council meeting twice in a year and the convening of District Road Safety Committee meeting every month are major points mentioned in the draft audit report. The Secretary (Transport) also informed about reduction of road accident fatalities by proper target setting and implementation in order to achieve zero fatality by the year 2030 as mentioned in the Sustainable Development Goals of United Nations.



**1. Road engineering developments on the accident prone zones of all arterial roads of U.T. of Puducherry:**

The Chief Secretary explained about the necessity of traffic calming measures and crash barriers on the arterial roads of U.T. of Puducherry. The Director General of Police informed that the number of accidents and fatalities are very high on the Villianur Road and Cuddalore Road. The Chief Secretary has instructed to take up the work on mission mode and informed the officials of PWD should ensure that the roads are laid as per IRC standards and also instructed to include the IRC standards as a mandatory condition in the tender document. The officials PWD informed that they will complete the work by the end of December, 2023. The Chairman has instructed that all the roads should be laid before the commencement of the monsoon season. **(Action: PWD)**

The Transport Commissioner has requested the Chairman to provide one time grant of amount of Rs.10 crores for road improvement works at all rural roads which will give better outcome. The Chairman has agreed that the amount may be granted from MP/MLA LAD fund. **(Action: PWD)**

Hon'ble Minister for PWD has informed that a software application is being prepared by PWD for informing all the line departments about road works under progress. **(Action: PWD)**

**2. Erection and maintenance of traffic signals in entire U.T. of Puducherry:**

The Transport Commissioner informed that an amount of Rs.3.04 crores has been allocated in the budget for maintenance of 27 old traffic signals and erection of 10 new traffic signals also Rs.8.00 lakhs has been sanctioned from Road Safety fund to traffic Police for repair and maintenance of traffic signals. The officials of Police Department stated that the tender has been floated. The Transport Commissioner has suggested that the officials of PWD have to coordinate with traffic Police for smooth and timely completion of work. Further the Transport Commissioner has requested the officials of Traffic Police to install CCTV cameras in all traffic signals for monitoring of traffic violations and congestion. **(Action: Traffic Police & PWD)**

Further, the Chairman enquired about the proper functioning of Monitoring Centre in Transport Department. The Secretary (Transport) informed that around 3000 commercial vehicles has been fixed with GPS device and integrated with monitoring centre and informed that remaining commercial vehicles will also be monitored from the monitoring Centre. **(Action: Transport)**

### **3. Any other issues related to Road Safety:**

The Transport Commissioner informed that the audit report has indicated that only 10% of the road length audited has foot paths in Puducherry. Out of which 84% is encroached. The Transport Commissioner has suggested that the encroachment has to be removed. The Chief Secretary has instructed that the encroachments near the schools, hospitals and religious places has to be removed within 3 months as outer limit on a mission mode. Further the Transport Commissioner informed that the commercial vehicles are parked unauthorized on the road side causing traffic congestion.

The Chairman has instructed to take immediate action on encroachments as and when they are taking place. **(Action: Traffic Police, LAD & Revenue)**

**Banners & Hoardings:** The Hon'ble Minister for Public Works informed that the banners are erected in an indisciplined manner causing trouble to the road users. The Chief Secretary instructed that select places are to be identified for the erection of banners and rest of the places no banners should be allowed. The District Collector informed that the banner policy will be issued soon. **(Action: Revenue)**

**Engagement of Consultant:** The Transport Commissioner informed that it is proposed to appoint a Road Safety Consultant from the empanelled list of MoRTH to audit the roads on safety point of view, providing capacity building trainings to various stake holders, gathering and analysis of road accident data and to provide support to Road Safety Committee for handling road safety issues. The Committee has in principle approved the proposal for engagement of Consultant. **(Action: Transport)**



### **Three months long campaign for Zero fatalities and strict enforcement measures:**

A wide publicity has to be given for creating awareness on Good Samaritan scheme and reward for an amount of Rs.5,000/- has to be given for the eligible persons recommended by either the traffic police or the health department.

The Hon'ble Minister for Public Works has informed to encourage the volunteers who are helping the road accident victims to reach the hospital. **(Action: Traffic Police)**

The Transport Commissioner informed that the school timings has to be changed for avoiding traffic congestion in Uppalam Road and Boulevard area. The Chairman has suggested that the schools within the limit of Puducherry Municipality and Oulgaret Municipality may fix different timings after discussing with Traffic Police and Education Department. The Hon'ble Minister for Transport has suggested for creating Children Traffic Corps in co-ordination with Education Department and Traffic Police.

**(Action: Traffic Police & Education)**

The Traffic Police has suggested for making Bussy Street as One Way traffic from Anna Square. The Chairman instructed the Traffic Police to conduct a study on trial basis for proper implementation. The Traffic Police has suggested for declaring Manakular Vinayagar Temple Street, Francois Martin Street, Dumas Street, Saint Louis Street as parking free streets. The Chairman has instructed that awareness has to be created among the public for parking the vehicles within the road marking and Press release has to be give to this effect. **(Action: Traffic Police)**

The District Collector, Karaikal informed that License drive for all the College students has been conducted and also informed that the helmet is made for compulsory for all College students for entering into college campus with two wheelers, without helmet nobody can enter the College. The Collector, Karaikal also stated that accident happens due to the sand lorry. Hence the Sand Lorries are allowed to enter into the town limit only for two hours in the morning and two hours in the evening.

junctions through CSR funding. The Chairman has instructed to study & follow the same in Pondicherry also. **Action: (Traffic Police, Transport, Revenue & LAD)**

The Chief Secretary has instructed to take all necessary enforcement measures to reduce the number of road accidents during the upcoming period of three months to ensure that there is a reducing profile as compared to previous years.

**(Action: Traffic Police, Transport)**

The Committee has decided to complete all the road safety development works within the time limit of 3 months under the mission "Safe Road – Save Lives" (இழப்பில்லா இனிய பயணம்). Further the awareness on this mission shall be spread to all public through print, electronic media and social media.


**(Action: Transport, Traffic Police, Health, PWD, LAD and Education)**

The Committee has instructed to conduct strict enforcement on following violations for which Supreme Court Committee on Road Safety as instructed to suspend the Driving License of violator for 3 months. Repeated violations by same offender to be meticulously tracked and acted upon strictly. Traffic Police shall fix the zone wise target and constant enforcement should be carried out on the following violations:

- Over Speed.
- Red Light Jumping.
- Carrying over load in Goods Carriage & Carrying passengers in Good Carriage.
- Drunk and Drive.
- Cell Phone Driving.
- Driving without Helmet both driver and pillion rider.

**(Action: Traffic Police and Transport)**

The meeting came to an end with vote of thanks from Secretary (Transport).

  
(Dr.A.S. SIVAKUMAR)  
TRANSPORT COMMISSIONER  
-cum-MEMBER SECRETARY