

Note on Road Safety

Comrade,

You are aware that the Road Safety issue has acquired prime importance and attracted the attention of many, as nearly one lakh fifty thousand persons are being died and many more are injured besides huge loss of property. India is on the top in the World with regard to the Road Accidents and related deaths even though it ranked lowest in other parameters especially in Human development indicis. The hon'ble Minister for Transport time and again going to the press that his Govt is very much worried about the Road Accidents and the deaths. To reduce the accidents his Govt brought the M.V.act Amendment Bill(which is absolutely wrong).

Further the Govt is organizing "Road Safety Week" every year. This has become a rituval and aimed at publicity activity. Not even a single step is taken to prevent the accidents. Rather, the drivers are blamed as they are responsible more than 80% of road accidents which is false and fabricated. But in the name of "Road Safety Crores of rupees of public money is spent.

At this juncture we should not leave the "Road Safety" activity to the Government alone. We should actively involve and organize "Road Safety Campaign" for 3 reasons..1) We should educate our drivers on this vital issue and the blame of the Government on the drivers. 2) To expose the Government by bringing the facts which are contributing to the accidents and the inaction of the Government. 3) We should utilize this opportunity to popularize All India Road Transport Workers' Federation among the Transport Workers, transport organizations, Government officials and the public at large.

We can organize this campaign in different ways without much strain and with little amount of money. Rather for this "Road Safety Campaign", we can raise funds also. We can approach some business establishments, Government departments, Transport related Associations/Establishments like Truck/Bus operators Associations, Spare parts dealers/suppliers etc. We can invite Collector/Police Official/RTO/ Eminent personalities. So that wide publicity will be given in the media. Some suggestions are given hereunder with regard to the activities that can be taken up in the"Road Safety Campaign".

1)Medical Camp for the Drivers. 2)Blood Donation Camp. 3) Organ donation camp. 4) Essay writing competition to students. 5) Seminar/Workshop/Lecture. 6) Drivers training classes. 7) Helmet awareness campaign. 8) Seat Belt awareness Campaign.

You also please think over and innovate new ideas. But we should take up at least one activity in every state. That activity should be well publicized. The news with photographs or video shall be sent to Delhi & Trivandrum centers.

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