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NHAI should be held responsible for the tragedy 50 Lakh rupees compensation and employment to the deceased family should be provided- AIRTWF

All India Road Transport Workers' Federation express deep shock over the tragedy took place on the National Highway-66 on 16-07-2024 where three drivers and a family died on the spot. AIRTWF pays condolences to the deceased and express sympathy to the family members of the deceased.

AIRTWF demands the Government of India to pay 50 lakh rupees compensation to the family of the deceased and to provide employment to one in the family of the deceased. The National Highway Authority of India should be held responsible for the tragedy and the causality. Immediate corrective steps should be taken on the highway at Ankola, Karnataka.

A landslide happened in the morning hours of 16-07-2024 at Ankola, Karnataka State on National Highway-66. Adjacent to the National Highway there is a river and one hill. Due to the rains landslide took place. At that time Three Truck drivers have parked the vehicles and taking tea. The three drivers along with the family members of the Tea Stall submerged. This tragedy happened because of the failure of the National Highway for the defective construction. The Karnataka State Minister stated in the Assembly that he has identified the defective construction of the National Highway-66 at that point long back (where the land slide took place) and reported to the NHAI & the Government of India. But they paid a deaf ear which led to the tragedy and causality of 7 persons. It was reported in the media that the death toll may go up to ten.

There are many violations in the construction of the National Highways at many places in the country which are leading to accidents. AIRTWF had time and again taken to the notice of the Ministry of Road Transport & Highways on such irregularities. But ironically nothing had happened. AIRTWF demands the Ministry to conduct an inspection on all the National Highways and should take immediate steps to rectify the defects/violations to avert the accidents.



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