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All India Road Transport Workers' Federation welcomes the statement made by the Minister for Road Transport & Highways that the Contractors are constructing the Roads faulty causing to accidents and no action is initiated till date. As he is the concerned Minister for the last 10 years he should take up the moral responsibility for that and should step down.

It is reported in the media that the honorable Minister for Roads Transport & Highways told that the faulty road construction should be made non bailable and the Contractors & Engineers should be sent to Jail. He made this comments while inaugurating the Road Safety program organized by the CII in Delhi on 16-01-2025.

AIRTFW thanks the honorable minister for recognizing the fact at least even after 10 years of holding the same Portfolio. If the Government initiates stern action on the erring Contractors, none would have objected/obstructed rather the Government would have been appreciated well. But why it could not be done do so far? If the minister is serious and sincere in deeds on his comments even now, he should order for an unbiased, free and fair enquiry on the faulty construction of the National Highways which are causing accidents and loss of lives of many.

The accidental death of Shri. Yerram Naidu, MP, Lal Jan Basha, former MP, Hari Krisshna, former minister of united AP, the Jabbar Travels bus accident in which around 50 passengers burnt alive, the deaths took place at Gaguwaka, Visakha, Andhra Pradesh and the recent land slide in Karwar dictrict near Ankola, Karnataka where nearly 8 people buried under it are very few examples of the faulty road constructions particularly the National Highways. The road accidents statistical data released by the MORTH clearly established that majority of the road accidents are taking place on National Highways which is only 2% in the total road network.

AIRTWF is time and again voicing on this issue of violation of norms and faulty construction of roads causing to accidents. It has lodged a complaint also to the Minister and the NHAI. Ironically neither any action is taken till date nor the defects are rectified.

The Government is organising “Road Safety Programs” every year in a ritual manner and leaving the safety to the mercy of the profit greedy Contractors. Earlier when the Government has called meetings of stake holders on the Road Safety programs, AIRTWF participated in such meetings and brought all these issues to the notice of the authorities. After that the Government is not calling the preparatory meetings and unilaterally deciding the programs.

AIRTWF demands the Government of India particularly the honorable minister for Road Transport & Highways to act in true spirit to save the lives of the people.



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