

Date : 25.02.2020
Time : 3.00 PM
Venue : North Committee Room
Government Secretariat, Thiruvananthapuram.

List of KRSA members and representatives participated:

Sl No	Name	Designation
1	Shri .A.K Saseendran	Minister for Transport
2	Shri.Tom Jose IPS	Chief Secretary
3	Sri.Loknath Behera IPS	State Police Chief
4	Sri. N. Shanker Reddy IPS	Road Safety Commissioner
5	Sri. K. R. Jyothilal IAS	Principal Secretary, Transport
6	Smt. R. Sreelekha IPS	Transport Commissioner
7	Sri. Asok Kumar.M	Chief Engineer, PWD (Roads)
8	Sri.G.Lakshmanan,	IGP, (Traffic)
9	Sri. Rajeev Puthalath	Joint Transport Commissioner & Secretary, STA.
10	Dr.Samson Mathew	Director, KSCSTE-NATPAC
11	Dr.Venugopalan.P.P	Member, KRSA
12	Sri. K.Unnikrishnan Unnithan	Member, KRSA
13	Smt.K.Mini	Special Secretary, Public Works Department
14	Sri.K.V. Muraleedharan	Special Secretary, General Education Department
15	Smt.Ajith .K. Joseph	Joint Secretary, Home Department
16	Smt. Sreelath Sukumaran	Joint Secretary, Finance Department
17	Smt. Leena .M.D	Deputy Secretary, LSGD

2	Smt. K. Navjot Khosa IAS	Managing Director, KMSCL
3	Smt. Lekha.C.S	Executive Engineer, LSGD
4	Sri. S.S. Suresh Kumar	ACP, Traffic
5	Sri.John Kutty.K.L	S P, South Zone (Traffic)
6	Smt.Archana.B.P	PWD

The Meeting started at 3.00 PM. with Hon`ble Minister for Transport in chair. The Chairman, Kerala Road Safety Authority welcomed all members and informed that the urgent meeting of the KRSA was called for in the wake of the major accident involving KSRTC Volvo bus and Kerala registered Container lorry occurred at Avinashi near Tirupur in Tamil Nadu on 20th February 2020.

Agenda Item No: 1

Ref: A1/44/KRSA/2019

Accident analysis for the year 2019

Decision:

The Authority observed that immediate action need to be taken by all stake-holder departments to reduce the accident fatalities.

Agenda No: 2

Ref: A2/255/KRSA/2020

Major accident involving KSRTC Volvo bus and Container Lorry occurred at Avinashi near Tirupur in Tamil Nadu- Proposed Interventions

The Transport Commissioner presented the details of the accident based on Site Investigation Report and GPS data analysis and concluded that the accident occurred, prima facie, due to the fatigue of the container lorry Driver and he might have slept during driving and the severity and impact of the accident was so heavy since container was not

The Chief Secretary informed that PWD has already been directed to identify suitable places along the National and State Highways to establish Way-side Amenities Centre with parking, resting and refreshment facilities for truck drivers. The Chief Engineer, PWD (Roads) informed that 37 such locations along National Highways and 11 along State Highways have been identified for the purpose. The CMD, KSRTC remarked that corporation has decided to implement crew change system for long distance buses. The State Police Chief observed that the Police Highway Patrol would be revamped in a systematic way to ensure continuous enforcement. The Authority observed that the long hours of working schedule of truck drivers and also the Central MV Rules amendment in Rule 90 limiting to single driver norm for National Permit Vehicles are matters of concern. The Secretary, State Transport Authority also pointed out that the Central Guidelines to legalize the axle load capacity of goods vehicle upto 25% in excess of the prescribed capacity by the manufacturer, without technical alteration of the vehicle is also posing a serious concern to the safety of vehicles and other road users.

Decisions:

1. A joint inspection by teams consisting of Officers of Motor Vehicles Department and Police Department are to be constituted, at District level for intensive enforcement drive for at least three months commencing from 1st March 2020. The lane discipline of trucks and unauthorized parking of trucks on road sides shall be monitored and also the practice of convoy by trucks to be restricted. The Road Safety Commissioner shall monitor this through the State Police Chief and Transport Commissioner.

(Action - SPC, TC, RSC)

2. The PWD to expedite identification of location/space for establishment of Way-side Amenity Centres and resting places for truck drivers and also other long distance passengers.

(Action - Public Works Department)

Commissioner to prepare Guidelines for fixing conditions and restrictions in the operation of Trucks and a Work Schedule of Truck Drivers. The Chief Secretary is advised to take up the matter with the Labour Department for further action.

(Action - Chief Secretary, Labour Dept, TC, RSC)

4. To recommend the Government to address the Cochin Port Trust and other Port authorities to ensure locking of containers properly to the truck, before leaving the Port premises. The MVD and Police shall enforce this during their routine checking and at check posts.

(Action -Transport Department, Police, MVD)

5. The Motor Vehicle Department shall initiate actions in association with C-DAC to introduce Smart Card for drivers of Heavy Vehicles to monitor driver behavior through GPS.

(Action -MVD)

6. KRSA welcomes the decision of the Hon'ble High Court to implement the Virtual Court System (e -court) for settling the traffic related cases.

(Action -Transport Department)

7. To recommend the State Government to address the Central Government to amend rule 90 of CMV Rules to restore the provision for Two-driver system in National Permit Vehicles.

(Action -Transport Department)

Other items with the permission of chair:

The Chairman observed that though a full time Road Safety Commissioner was appointed, every project/ scheme pertaining to road safety needed to be placed before KRSA for a decision. Hence it was felt necessary to delegate appropriate powers of KRSA to Road Safety Commissioner, invoking Section 18 of the KRSA Act, 2007. The Principal Secretary, Transport presented a note stipulating those provisions of KRSA Act, 2007 intended to be delegated to Road Safety Commissioner. The note is enclosed as **Annexure - 1**.

Decision:

1. The Authority approved the note, subject to the approval of the Government as stipulated in Section 18 of KRSA Act, 2007.
2. The Authority decided to recommend to Government for the amendment of the KRSA Rule; Section 4 - Payment of Fund, pertaining to financial delegation of Chairman, KRSA, Executive Committee and Road Safety Commissioner.

The proposed limit:

- Rule 4 (1) - The Chairman, KRSA - 5 Lakh rupees at a time subject to a maximum of Rs 30 Lakh rupees in a financial year.
- Rule 4 (2) - The Executive Committee, KRSA - 10 Lakh rupees at a time subject to a maximum of Rs 50 Lakh rupees in a financial year.
- Rule 4 (3) - The Road Safety Commissioner - 3 Lakh rupees at a time subject to a maximum of Rs 30 Lakh rupees in a financial year

Meeting concluded at 5.00PM.

Sd/-

Chairman, Kerala Road Safety Authority &
Minister for Transport

