

OFFICE OF THE ROAD SAFETY COMMISSIONER,
GOVERNMENT OF TAMIL NADU, CHEPAUK, CHENNAI-5.
PRESS RELEASE

The 5th meeting of State Road Safety Council was convened on 06.06.2017 under the chairmanship of the Hon'ble minister for Transport to discuss the various Road Safety issues in the State. The Chief Secretary, Secretary Home Dept., Secretary Finance Department, Secretary Highways Department, Secretary Municipal Administration and Water Supply Department, Secretary Transport Department, Director General of Police, Commissioner of Police, Greater Chennai and other officials attended the meeting.

Based on the instructions issued by the Supreme Court Committee on Road Safety it has been decided that the Driving Licences of the drivers will be suspended / cancelled for the following traffic violations.

1. Over speed
2. Red light Jumping.
3. Drunken driving.
4. Use of Mobile Phone while driving.
5. Carrying overload in the Goods Carriages / Carrying of passengers in the goods carriages.

It has been decided that before revocation of suspended / cancelled driving licences of the drivers who are involved in fatal accidents they should undergo two days refresher training course at his own cost in the training centres of the Tamilnadu State Transport Undertakings and undergo Medical Check up in Govt. Hospitals and produce the certificates. For the past two years it is noted that about 35% of the total road accident deaths in the State happened due to non-wearing of Helmets by the two wheeler riders and pillion riders. Therefore the wearing of Helmets by the two

wheeler riders and pillion riders is mandatory. Any persons found driving without Helmets will be taken to nearest Taluk Police Station / RTO Office for awareness training for atleast two hours, in addition to putting fine.

Highways Patrolling vehicles on the stretches of National and State Highways has been instructed to be more mobile and take all necessary steps to reduce accidents. They will be held accountable for the accidents in their stretches.

While the roads are under construction or repairing work done by various departments such as Electricity Board, Water Supply Department, Telephone Department etc. and other user Departments should follow the instructions of the Indian Road Congress. In case of failure, FIR will be filed by the Police Department against the failing contractors.

It has also been decided that the vehicles which are plying without insurance will be detained till the valid insurance certificates are produced by the vehicle owners.

All the persons driving a vehicle should carry their original Driving Licence while driving a vehicle and should show it to the traffic enforcement officials on demand.

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