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Government of India
Ministry of Road Transport and Highways
(MVL Section)

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29th
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To

- i. The Principal Secretaries (Transport)/The Secretaries (Transport)
- ii. The Transport Commissioners of all the States / UTs

Subject: Implementation of provisions of Central Motor Vehicles Rules, 1989 ("CMVR") pertaining to Vehicle carrying goods to be covered and Fitment of Under-Run Protection in the vehicles -reg.

Sir/ Madam,

I am directed to say that India has reported the highest number of road accident fatalities in the world. In the year 2022 alone, a total of 4,61,312 road accidents have been reported by the Police Departments of States and Union Territories (UTs) in the country, which had resulted in 1,68,491 fatalities and injuries to 4,43,366 persons.

2. It has come to the notice of this Ministry that many heavy vehicles and trailers are still running without Rear Under-Run Protecting Devices (RUPD) and Lateral Side Protection Devices (LUPD) for N2, N3, T3, and T4, and are facing performance issues such as bending/failure in cases of accidents.

3. The RUPD and LUPD devices are meant to guard vehicles in case of collisions/accidents and can significantly reduce fatalities and serious injuries. Non-fitment of these devices violates Rule 62 of the Central Motor Vehicles Rules, 1989.

4. Regarding the device performance issue/failure in case of accidents, the bending depth should be within the prescribed limit. The devices must ensure compliance of Rule 124 (1A) of the CMVR 1989, which states the general requirements of vehicle rear under run protecting device, and the technical requirements of vehicle lateral protection side shall be as per IS:14812-2005 and as per IS:14682-2004, specified by Bureau of Indian Standards, respectively, as amended from time to time, for the mentioned categories of motor vehicles.

5. Further, it has also been noticed that many open-body goods carriage vehicles during movement are not being covered by appropriate covers like tarpaulin or any other suitable material, which is a violation of Rule 138B of the CMVR. The goods and materials which flow from such vehicles, if uncovered, cause a nuisance to citizens moving on roads, especially behind such vehicles, and are also a cause of accidents.

6. In past also, Ministry vide letter of even number dated 1st July, 2019 and letter No.RT-11028/15/2017-MVL dated 19th November, 2018 (copies enclosed) has advised States/UT Administration to ensure strict compliance of.

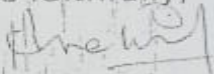
the CMVR, 1989 in following matters:

- (a) Fitment of RUPD and LUPD devices and their adherence to performance quality as per standards
- (b) Open body goods carriage vehicles to be covered during movement

7. In view of above, it is reiterated that all States/UTs are requested to ensure compliance of CMVRs at the time of fitness and otherwise, and to take action against offenders.

8. This issues with the approval of Competent Authority.

Yours faithfully,



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Encl: As above.