

**Proceeding of the District Road Safety Committee Meeting held on 13-09-2022
by 4.00 PM at Sadbhabana Sabha Gruha, Collectorate, Cuttack**

The meeting of the District Road Safety committee was held on 13-09-2022 by 4.00 PM at Sadbhabana Sabha Gruha, Collectorate, Cuttack. Due to sudden illness of the Collector & District Magistrate-cum-Chairman DRSC, the meeting was conducted under the Chairmanship of Shri Bijay Kumar Khandayatray, ADM (General), Cuttack as advised by Chairman.

The members present in the meeting is attached herewith as **Annexure-A**.

At the outset, RTO, Ex Member-Secretary welcomed all the members and office bearers present in the meeting and requested Shri Bijay Kumar Khandayatray, ADM (General), Cuttack to preside the meeting in absence of Collector & District Magistrate. ADM as Chairman I/C of the Committee welcomed all the members present in the meeting. Specially welcomed the new members of the committee. It was noticed that other than S.E., Charbatia (R & B Division), Choudwar and S.E., Mahanadi South Division, Cuttack, the other Superintendent Engineers of Works Department / Road Owning Authority as members were not present in the meeting. They had deputed the junior officers which is not allowed as only members of the committee are supposed to attend and they cannot substitute their junior officers to attend as members of the committee as per rule. Hence it was requested all the members to attend the next meeting physically since DRSC is a very important committee where Road Safety is directly involved. However their junior officers may attend the meeting as special invitee. ADM stressed upon reduction of Accidents and emphasised on creating awareness on Road Safety. He advised the Road Owning Authority to repair the roads damaged and complete the new construction works as early as possible.

ACTION: All Superintendent Engineers

As desired by Shri Bijay Kumar Khandayatray ADM (General), Shri S K Behera, RTO continued as per the Agenda items of the meeting.

RTO informed the house that the new formation of the District Road Safety Committee was made vide Notification No-2840 Dt-11-05-2022 by Collector & District Magistrate, Cuttack but it was reconstituted again in pursuance to Notification No-3712 Dt-07-05-2022 of Commerce & Transport Department Government of Odisha vide Notification No-5138 Dt-26-08-2022 with inclusion of representative of Regional Office, MoRTH as a member and Highway Administrator of State Highways and Major District Roads (MDRs) as Member Secretary instead of RTO as Member Secretary. As per the provision, Collector and District Magistrate-cum-Chairman of the DRSC has nominated Superintendent Engineer, Charbatia (R & B) Division, Choudwar as Highway Administrator of State Highways and Major District Roads, Cuttack.

Most of the members opined that the District Road Safety Committee is mainly focused to reduce accidents and take remedial steps thereby. Since the accidents spot verification, data analysis, conducting of different Road Safety Training Programme, Workshops, meetings is being done regularly by RTO, Cuttack and the Road Safety funds from Odisha Road Safety Society and others being controlled / managed by RTO, Cuttack, he should continue as Member Secretary of the DRSC. Also the "District forum of Road Safety of NGO's" is being lead by RTO, Cuttack. On the other hand the Highway Administrator of State Highways of Major District Roads (MDRs) to be functioned as Member Secretary as per notification of the Government. Hence ADM opined that as per the statutory provision, State Highways of Major District Roads (MDRs) to be functioned as Member Secretary.

However after threadbare discussion, all the members and Chairman In-charge agreed that RTO, Cuttack shall remain as Convenor of the committee and co ordinate with the Member Secretary for conducting of the DRSC meeting and continue to operate the Road Safety funds as per approval from the DRSC from time to time. He will also continue as Head of the "District Forum of Road Safety of NGOs", Cuttack and monitor all sorts of Road Safety Activities.

RTO informed all the members regarding function of the District Road Safety Committee as per the new notification by Government of Odisha. The minutes of the proceeding of the last DRSC meeting was approved by the committee.

Analysing the major reasons of accident it was found and agreed by all the members that the accidents are causing at the junctions when the sub-roads are merged with main roads without having service road. The vehicle in the main roads are normally travelling with much higher speed and not aware of the merging road from either side. On the other hand the drivers from the sub-roads are bringing their vehicles to the main road at a considerable high speed for which major accidents are being caused. To check the speed of the travellers from both roads, it was decided to take immediate steps for:

1. Construction of strip rumblers at a suitable distance, preferably at a distance of 15 mtrs from major roads with prominent stop sign boards by the Road Owning Authority. All the concern Road owning Authorities are requested to complete the work within one month positively.

ACTION: All Superintendent Engineers of Road Owning Authority.

2. Providing of Low height speed breaker barriers in zig-zag way before 15-20 mtrs away from the junction at both sides for single road and at one side (at the merger road side) for 4 / 6 lane roads. The industrial houses / prominent organisation shall be requested to supply such low height speed breaker barriers for providing at the junction. RTO, Cuttack is authorised on behalf of Collector & District Magistrate-cum-Chairman DRSC, Cuttack to write letters to different organisations for supply of the barriers.

ACTION: R.T.O, Cuttack

Regarding removing of sands which deposited on N.S Setu and Madhusudan Setu are being cleaned regularly as noticed by the Members of the Committee and thanked Superintendent Engineer R & B Division-1 and dictated to continue cleaning to avoid skidding of vehicles and causing of accident.

ACTION: Superintendent Engineers R & B (Division-1)

Regarding construction of New Jersey barriers on the divider at both sides 500 mtrs from Manguli Chhak on NH-16, the committee express their displeasure on NHA Authority as the construction is not done yet instead of repeated request and recommendation of the committee. However the NHA representative were impressed upon to construct it as early as possible and comply before the committee in the next meeting.

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ACTION: Project Director, NHAI, Bhubaneswar

Regarding functioning of the "District Forum of Road Safety NGOs", Cuttack which was formed as per approval of the last DSRC, RTO inform that much progress has been done in this respect. Fourteen active NGOs and Road Safety Activist have been entrusted with particular stretch of Road where they are performing the Road Safety Activities like survey of road and submission of proposals for reduction of accidents at the particular stretch, conducting of awareness and training programme in that locality, etc. Almost all of them have submitted the survey report. The report of the NGOs was presented in the meeting. However as proposed by RTO, all the members agreed to pay Rs 5000/- each for this purpose for the financial year 2022-23 from available Road Safety funds with RTO. All the NGOs shall co-ordinate the local police, local administration, Youth forum, Business community for Road Safety activities and to have better control over traffic and traffic clearance for smooth and safe movement.

ACTION: R.T.O, Cuttack

Regarding illumination of Mashusudan Setu, the Commissioner, CMC shall be requested to provide solar lightning system as of N.S Setu.

ACTION: Commissioner C.M.C / R.T.O, Cuttack

RTO informed that the printing and fixing of Road Solatium Fund Scheme, Good Samaritan Policy and Traffic Sign Boards is on the verge of completion at all the blocks, tahasil, hospitals, High Schools, Police Station, +2 Colleges of the District by the vendor.

ACTION: R.T.O, Cuttack

Regarding construction of Truck Terminal RTO informed the Committee that after refusal by NHAI Authority for the proposed site under loop area of fly over bridge at Manguli Chhak, another piece of land at Jagatpur chhak has been identified and on the process of acquisition. RTO is working on that and shall be available after approval of the site selection committee and Collector & District Magistrate Cuttack. However Chairmañ CDA shall be requested to take steps for development of existing Truck Terminal at Jagatpur operated by CDA.

ACTION: R.T.O, Cuttack

RTO informed the committee that for creating Road Safety awareness among common public regarding Drunken Driving, using Mobile Phone while Driving, Speed Driving, Using of helmet and seatbelt, Good Samaritan Policy, Solatium Fund Scheme, Rakshak Scheme of Government of Odisha, Short Films need to be made which shall be widely circulated to display at the community centres, schools colleges and different organisations. Seven such Scripts of the audio (drama) had been widely circulated through All India Radio and different F.M Radios which has gained large popularities. However those need to be upgraded to Short Films of 5 minutes each. An amount of Rs 1,05,000/- (Rupees One Lakh Five Thousand) required @ Rs 15,000/- for making of Short Films as informed by RTO. All the members of the house agreed upon the proposal and approved for sanction of Rs 1,05,000/- which shall be spend from the Road Safety Funds available with RTO.

ACTION: R.T.O, Cuttack

Rabi Narayan Satapathy, General Secretary, OSTOFED requested the committee to issue necessary instruction to NHAI, Dhenkanal to take immediate steps to do the repair work of the road which have been completely damaged and complete the new construction work which is excessively delayed.

ADM directed the NHAI Authority that no compromise shall be tolerated on the laxity shown by NHAI regarding the repair and delay in construction of the NH-55. He directed the NHAI Authority to complete the repair work within seven days in view of approaching of festive season.

ACTION: Project Director, NHAI, Dhenkanal

Sri Ramani Ranjan Das, Accredited Pressmen and Member requested the committee that DCP Cuttack, SP Cuttack and Commissioner, CMC should be present in the meeting. He emphasised on checking of helmet, driving using Mobile Phone and Speed Driving inside Cuttack City on regular basis.

ACTION: D.C.P, Cuttack / S.P, Cuttack / R.T.O, Cuttack

Additional SP, Cuttack expressed his concern over regular Traffic violation and not wearing of seat belts, helmets, etc and emphasised on Joint Checking with RTO and Local Police Stations of the District particularly at Narasinghpur, Athagarh, Niali, Salepur, Banki and other periphery Area. RTO requested to advice Police officers for entry of accident data in IRAD.

ACTION: Superintendent of Police, Cuttack / R.T.O, Cuttack

Sri Ranjan Kumar Mohapatra, General Secretary TRIDHARA, NGO emphasised on safety of School students particularly at the time of opening and closing of the school. Due to presence of main gate of the school adjacent to the main road, accidents are being caused. The direct main entry gate of the schools should not face and touch the main road directly. The matter to be taken up with District Education officer and take decision accordingly.

ACTION: District Education officer / R.T.O, Cuttack

Sri Sujit Kumar Senapati, General Secretary, CARS, proposed to open the Road Safety Stall in the ensuing Baliyatra Utsav 2022. He requested to provide three stalls and electric facility at a prominent place for Road Safety awareness among common public. He will manage the stall in association with RTO, Cuttack. All the committee members accepted the proposal and forward it to the Baliyatra Committee for approval.

ACTION: R.T.O, Cuttack

CDMO expressed his concern regarding non using of helmet, using mobile phone while driving and speed driving. The youth mass should be provided training and awareness on the matter. He also emphasised on checking of minor Boys / Girls Driving the Vehicles.

All the members unanimously requested the committee that ADM (General) Shri Khandayatray shall be invited to the DRSC meeting henceforth as special invitee.

Also the members suggested that all the members of the "District Forum of Road Safety of NGOs" shall be invited in the next meeting as special invitee.

ACTION: R.T.O, Cuttack

The meeting was ended with vote of thanks to be chair and all members present in the meeting.

ADM (General) and Chairman I / C
of DSRC, Cuttack

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22.03.22

Memo No. 5804 /RTA.,

Dated – 27.09.2022

Copy to all the Members of the Dist. Road Safety Committee/Participants for kind information & necessary action.

**Regional Transport Officer,
Cuttack.**

Memo No. 5805 /RTA.,

Dated – 27.09.2022

Copy submitted to the Dy. Commissioner of Police, Cuttack/ Superintendent of Police, Cuttack /Commissioner, Cuttack Municipal Corporation, Cuttack for favour of kind information & necessary action.

**Regional Transport Officer,
Cuttack**

Memo No. 5806 /RTA.,

Dated – 27.09.2022

Copy submitted to the Addl. Director General, Regional Office, MoRTH, At: Plot No.184, In front of CRPF Stadium, Baramunda, Bhubaneswar- 751003 for information & necessary action.

**Regional Transport Officer,
Cuttack**

Memo No. 5807 /RTA.,

Dated – 27.09.2022

Copy to the Project Director, National Highway Authority of India (NHAI), Utkal Signature , 3rd Floor, Pahal, Bhubaneswar- 754001 / Project Director, NHAI, Dhenkanal, At: Dakhina Kali Road, Near Kalinga Eye Hospital, Dhenkanal- 759001 for kind information & necessary compliance.

**Regional Transport Officer,
Cuttack**

Memo No. 5808 /RTA.,

Dated – 27.09.2022

Copy submitted to the Addl. Commissioner Transport (Road Safety), STA, Odisha, Cuttack / Joint Commissioner Transport (Road Safety), STA, Odisha, Cuttack for favour of kind information.

**Regional Transport Officer,
Cuttack**