

GOVERNMENT OF NCT OF DELHI
Public Works Department

PWD Secretariat
3rd Level, MSO Building, New Delhi
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ORDER

Sub:- Implementation of directions issued by Supreme Court Committee on Road Safety

An Audit of the implementation of directions issued to the States by Supreme Court Committee on Road Safety was conducted (Audit Period July-November, 2023) and Report submitted on 27th December, 2023.

In the above connection, an Audit Completion Meeting was held under the aegis of Ministry of Road Transport and Highways of India on 14.03.2024, wherein a presentation of the Audit Report was made.

In the aforesaid Audit Report, following Engineering Deficiencies on the part of PWD were identified:

1. No Protocol was maintained for the identification, rectification, and monitoring of blackspots.
2. Existing road signs have major issues like, size, shape and colour not according to IRC
3. Approx. 46% of Sensitive zones have no Traffic Calming Measures on PWD roads out of a total of 84 zones audited on PWD roads
4. Only about 31% of the road signs installed on PWD roads adhered to the IRC standards in all respects
5. Only 16% Footpaths had width as per IRC
6. Footpath Surface Condition (Usability) was only 25%.

Accordingly, following improvements have been suggested in the Audit Report:

1. **Road safety Audit and Blackspots:**

- To **prepare protocols** for blackspot Identification, Rectification, and Monitoring
- **Road Safety Audits** to be carried out on all core roads
- To ensure **formal Audit Completion Meetings** of individual RSA projects and **implementing audit recommendations in a time-bound manner**
- To **strengthen the process** for rectification of the blackspots in a time-bound manner

2. **Traffic Calming Measures:**

- Implementation of traffic calming measures (both physical and visible as per IRC / MoRTH guidelines) at major road-minor road intersections on all core roads
- Traffic Calming Measures at sensitive zones like schools, colleges, religious places, and hospitals need to be implemented

3. **Road Signs:**

- **Road signs should be installed as per IRC: 67- 2022, and consistency and uniformity to be maintained**

4. **Road Markings:**

- The road markings at intersections and lane markings, and text fonts for "STOP" and "BUS LANE" etc should be as per IRC:35-2015

5. **Crash Barriers:**

- Ensure IRC standard crash barriers as per IRC standards wrt to installation, height, lateral clearance, end treatment etc

6. **Footpaths:**

- All road agencies shall ensure obstruction-free, continuous, and functional footpaths to pedestrians as per minimum IRC or UTTIPEC standards on their respective roads

7. **Work Zones:**

- Work Zone Safety Audits and guidelines as per IRC SP 55 at all the construction in the city on all roads (NHs, PWD roads, and MCDs roads) shall be carried out

It is, therefore, directed that all the above improvement measures suggested in the Road Safety Audit Report must be implemented in a time-bound manner.

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