

**Divisional Level Advocacy Meeting**  
**on**  
**Road Safety**  
*Motor Vehicle (Amendment) Bill 2016 and Way Forward*



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## Background

The 'Advocacy Meeting on Road Safety' was organised by CUTS International on May 09, 2017 under the project entitled 'Campaign for Road Safety in India through Advocacy for the Speedy Enactment of Motor Vehicle (Amendment) Bill, 2016' at Hotel Padmini Chittorgarh, Rajasthan. The one point agenda of the meeting was to discuss the changes made in the Motor Vehicle (Amendment) Bill or MVA Bill, 2016 and to advocate for the early passage of the MVA Bill, 2016 in Rajya Sabha. About 78 participants representing more than four districts of Rajasthan from Udaipur division comprising consumer activists, social workers, subject experts, legal experts, traffic police and other stakeholders attended the meeting.

## Proceedings

### Session 1: Inaugural Session

**Gauhar Mehmood**, Coordinator, CUTS Centre for Human Development (CHD), Chittorgarh, welcomed the guests, speakers and the participants. He also defined the objectives of the meeting.



**George Cheriyan**, Director, CUTS International in his opening remarks said that the main objective of the meeting is to advocate for the speedy enactment of the 'Motor Vehicle (Amendment) Bill 2016' in Rajya Sabha, as it is already passed in lower house and once the Bill is enacted, the advocacy will be for the adoption of rules by the States. While speaking about the current status of India, he stated that the country is on the higher side in terms of road accidents. George further mentioned that the

country has only 2 percent of vehicular population, but it accounts for more than 10 percent of road accidents of the world, which is really an alarming situation. On an average, 1324 accidents occur in one day resulting into 57 accidents per hour and 17 people die every hour in these accidents, he added.

While comparing with the 2014 data, he said that an increase 2.5 percent in 2015 in road accidents has been observed. In the current year, more than 5 lakh accidents occurred and around 1.46 lakh people lost their lives. While analysing the status of the

country, he said, as per the media reports, 1682 times more people died on roads in India in 2015 as compared to deaths caused due to terrorist strikes in the country.

Rajasthan holds 5<sup>th</sup> position in the number of road accidents. While talking about the urgent need of the passing of the Motor Vehicle Bill, 2016, Cheriyan said that every month about 12000 people die in road accidents, and due to the delay in bringing the strict laws, consistently people are dying at an alarming rate, which is a huge loss for the country's economy. Most of the people dying in road accidents fall in the age group of 15-34 years, which means the young generation of India is unfortunately becoming victims of deadly roads of India.

**Madhu Sudan Sharma**, Senior Project Coordinator, CUTS International talked about the proposed amendments in the MVA Bill, 2016 and highlighted the aims of the same, which are resulting in improving road safety and citizens' ease and facilitation while dealing with the Transport Department, the issue of fast driving was raised, which often results in road accidents. Besides efforts were also made to enhance the last mile connectivity, strengthening public transport, rural transport, automation, computerization and enabling online services. In his presentation, he mentioned that 89 amendments have been proposed in the MVA Bill, 2016.



Madhu Sudan also discussed about the key proposed amendments in the Bill and drew attention towards the following key concerns:

- Improving delivery of services
- Promoting e-governance
- Enabling online learning licenses
- Increasing validity period for driving licenses
- National Register for Driving Licence and National Register for Vehicle registration through *Vahan* and *Sarathi* platforms, which would facilitate uniformity of the process across the country
- Strengthening driving training process has been to enabling faster issuance of transport licences.
- Reducing shortage of commercial drivers
- Doing away with the requirements of educational qualifications for transport licences
- Improving the registration process for new vehicles

Registration at the end of the dealer is being enabled and restrictions have been imposed on temporary registration, Regulating 'more effectively' to the process for testing and certification of automobiles. The testing agencies issuing automobile approvals have been brought under the ambit of the Act and Mandate the automated fitness testing for the transport vehicles with effect from October 01, 2018. This would reduce corruption and improving road worthiness of a vehicle.

Taking the attention of audience towards major risk factors, Sharma said the major risk factors are over-speeding, drink and driving, not wearing helmets and car safety belts and child restraint system. He also threw light on increased penalties in all the five risk areas and in general penalties in the proposed MVA Bill, 2016.



**N L Choudhary**, Expert Road Safety, Aadhar Foundation, Udaipur presented the road safety scenario of India and talked about the three main elements, road, driver and vehicle, which are responsible for the accidents. About 407 people die every day in a road accident, out of which 43.7 percent of deaths are caused due to overloaded and vehicles moving with high speed. Choudhary also spoke about the work accomplished by their organisation to help the poor people, who were injured in the road accident.

**Indrajeet Singh**, District Collector, Chittorgarh said that road accidents are a matter big concern as life is valuable and priceless. It is their responsibility to protect the citizens. One can avoid risking his/her life by following the rules and regulations. Indrajeet Singh, emphasised on the use of technology to reduce the death rates, whereas casualties and deaths can be decreased with the use of mobile apps like *Humsafar*. Singh also shared some incidents of road accidents



taking place during his tenure.



**Nitesh Khatri**, District Transport Officer (DTO) Chittorgarh, speaking on the occasion advised that awareness among the public is needed to achieve the goal of decreasing the road accidents by 50 percent till 2020. Khatri also shared some efforts being made by the District Transport Department to promote road safety and enforcement of the rules.



## Session 2: Experiences of Road Accident Victims



**Basanti Devi**, from *Peepli Pal*, village shared the experience of her husband's accident in which he was unable to survive. After her husband's death, the entire responsibility of the house came on her shoulders. Under such circumstances, she was unable to provide good education to her children. Thus her family is totally dependent upon her daily wages.



**Prakash Hodh** from *Peepli Pal*, village, said that his village is on the road side. For any work, they had to cross the road quite often. One day when he was walking along the main road and was hit badly by a vehicle. After this, he had to stay in the hospital for several days and permanently became disabled due to serious fracture in his leg. After this accident, he lost his job and currently is unable to bear the day-to-day expenses of his family.

## Session 3: Expert Views on Road Safety



***Expert Views on Road Safety Session was moderated by Deepak Saxena, Assistant Director, CUTS. The experts in the session were Vibhor Gupta, Founder, Mobiquel App, New Delhi; and Tina Solanki, Incharge Traffic Police, Chittorgarh.***

Deepak Saxena moderated the session stating that the deaths due to road accidents are increasing at an alarming rate and advocated for an urgent need to aware and educate the people about the rules and regulation and the changes taking place day by day. Transport police and traffic police should try to enforce rules and regulation effectively in order to reduce the road accidents by 50 percent by 2020.

Saxena said that there is an urgent need to bring the Act. Strict laws will result in reducing the road accidents. He also added that the people should be aware about giving first aid to the victims to save their lives.

**Vibhor Gupta** shared valuable information about *Humsafar* App and explained about its functioning and benefits. *Humsafar* Road Safety Solution offers a platform around a real-time alert mechanism for Accident Emergency Response by connecting Victims, Good-Samaritans, Medical-Ambulance Assistance, Law Enforcement and Administration on a single platform for providing prompt response and speedy action and the App can save many lives.





Besides, the App comprises features as given below:

- Citizen interface
- Access Department Helpline Directory
- Trigger accident/Emergency Alert, Report Road Infrastructure Issues
- Localised Service Directory (petrol pump, mechanics, hospital, and food etc.),
- Emergency facilities plotted on map with info, access road safety educational content

**Tina Solanki** discussed about the basic rules of the road, that one should always wear helmet and seat belt while driving on the two-wheelers and four-wheelers respectively. She also mentioned that the people should follow all traffic signals while driving. She also discussed about the initiatives taken by their department to smooth the traffic and curb the increasing number of accidents. She also mentioned that public support and participation is needed to reduce the road accidents to 50 percent by 2020.



## Open House Session



In third and concluding session, queries were raised and suggestions were given to the panel members by the audience.

**Dinesh Joshi, Anubhuti:** He said that education and awareness on road safety can play vital role in decreasing the road injuries and society need to develop a better understanding on the issue. **Advocate Chandmal Garg** said that enforcement of rules should take place otherwise amendments of bill cannot make any difference. **Piyush Trivedi of Congress Party** elucidated about the issues regarding service lane and accidents taking place due to huge vehicles moving high speed. **Kalyan Dikshit** emphasised on the use of helmets and seatbelts and stated that there is need to change people's mentality, which is a big challenge.

## Vote of Thanks



**Madhu Sudan Sharma** summarised the day's proceedings, highlights of the meeting and the emerging points discussed in the sessions. He said that the day's meeting was extremely fruitful in the sense that the early passage of Motor Vehicle Act Bill, 2016. In addition, consumer activists, representatives from various organisations working on road safety; legal experts, transport engineers; traffic police and other stakeholders from four districts of Rajasthan attended the meeting.

He added that a useful data has been shared with the participants on the roads safety and road safety scenario in Rajasthan and India. He also mentioned that discussions in meeting incorporated aspects of vehicle engineers, road engineers, law enforcement officials and others. Finally, Sharma said that the key takeaways of the meeting will be shared with the policy makers and MoRTH to take the same further.

Madhu Sudan thanked the participants including representatives from all the organisations like roads safety, media, and all the resource persons of all the three sessions.



## Programme Schedule

Time	Activity	Resource Person
<b>09.30 am-11:00am</b>	Arrival, Registration of Delegates & Tea	
<b>11:00am-1:00pm</b>	<b>Inaugural Session</b>	
	Welcome	<b>Gauhar Mahmood</b> Centre Coordinator, CUTS Centre for Human Development, Chittorgarh
	Opening Address	<b>George Cheriyan</b> Director, CUTS International, Jaipur
	Highlights of MVA Bill, 2016	<b>Madhu Sudan Sharma</b> Sr. Project Coordinator, CUTS International, Jaipur
	Overview of Road Safety in India	<b>Mr N.L Choudhry</b> Expert Road Safety, Aadhar Foundation , Udaipur
	Initiatives on Road Safety by Government of Rajasthan	<b>Mr Inesh Khatri,</b> DTO, Transport Department Chittorgarh.
	Address by Special Guest	<b>Mr Chandra Bhan Singh, MLA</b> Chittorgarh
	Special Address by Guest of Honour	<b>Mr Indrajeet Singh,</b> District Collector, Chittorgarh
<b>1.00-1.30 pm</b>	Presentations by Accident crash Survivors	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Mr Dilip Singh</b> President, Disabled People Organisation, Chittorgarh</li> <li><b>Mr Ravi Kumar, Accident Victim</b></li> <li><b>Ms Basanti Devi, Accident Victim</b></li> </ol>
<b>1:30 pm-2:30 pm</b>	<b>Lunch</b>	
<b>2.30 to 4.00 pm</b>	<b>Expert Views on Road Safety</b>  <b>Moderator:</b> <b>Deepak Saxena</b> Asst. Director, CUTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Mr Vibhor Gupta</b>, Director, MobiQuel Apps, New Delhi</li> <li><b>Ms Tina Solanki</b>, Incharge Traffic Police, Chittorgarh</li> </ul>
<b>4.00-4.10 pm</b>	<b>Vote of Thanks</b> High Tea, Departure	<b>Madhu Sudan Sharma, Project Coordinator, ,</b> CUTS International, Jaipur



## List of Participants

S.No.	Name	Name and Address of the Organisation
1	Inesh Khatri	DTO, Chittorgarh
2	Vibhor Gupta	Weekender Innovation Labs Pvt. Ltd., Delhi
3	Narayan Lal Choudhary	Aadhar Fondation, Udaipur
4	Dinesh	Retd. Banker, 1/10, Nehru Nagar, Chittorgarh
5	Deepak Saxena	CUTS International, Jaipur
6	Inderjeet Singh	District Collector, Chittorgarh
7	George Cheriyan	CUTS International, Jaipur
8	Gauhar Mahmood	CUTS CHD, Chittorgarh
9	Satya Pal Singh	CUTS International, Jaipur
10	Madhu Sudan Sharma	CUTS International, Jaipur
11	Ravi Mehariya	Chittorgarh
12	Pinu Mehariya	Chittorgarh
13	Kak Singh Rajpur	Chittorgarh Ambulance Seva Samiti, Chittorgarh
14	Arvind Kumar Chobe	Chittorgarh Ambulance Seva Samiti, Chittorgarh
15	Dilip Kumar Borgaya	President, Ration Dealers, Kapasan
16	Akhilesh Baregama	Treasurer, Ration Dealers, Kapasan
17	Chetan Sharma	Bus Stand, Kapasan
18	N S Choubisa	CUTS CHD, Chittorgarh
19	Madan Giri	CUTS CHD, Chittorgarh
20	Mohan Lal Meghwal	CUTS Field Supervisor
21	Mukesh Kumar Kumawat	Vil.- Avaleshwar, District- Pratapgarh
22	Bhagwan Lal Sharma	Vil.- Dindoli, Tehsil- Rashmi
23	Geeta Bairwa	Vil.- Dindoli, Tehsil- Rashmi
24	Vishnu Kumar Kumawat	Vice-President, Upbhokta Soochna evam Paramarsh Samiti, Manpura
25	Abdul Latif Mansoori	Lok Shikshan Kendra, Bari Sadari



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29	Chetan	Chittorgarh
30	Rahul Kumar Sharma	Chittorgarh
31	Basanti Aod	Pipli Pal, Surjana
32	Suresh Kumar Aod	Pipli Pal, Surjana
33	Radhey Shyam Parashar	Bhupal Sagar
34	Chand Mal Garg	5, Sangram Marg, Chittorgarh
35	Dinesh Sahu	Saiti, Chittorgarh
36	Kamlesh Chaturvedi	Near CUTS Office, Chittorgarh
37	Vinod Mathur	Jaipur
38	Basnat Kumar Tripathi	60, Gayatri Nagar, Mavli Junction
39	Mohit Vaishnav	Nai Abadi, Putholi, Chittorgarh
40	Kishan Puri	Daulatpura, Chittorgarh
41	Liyakat Ali Shorgar	Jila Alpsankhyak Kalyan Adhikari, Chittorgarh
42	Om Prakash Chhipa	2/22, Housing Board, Chanderiya, Chittorgarh
43	Amar Krishan	Chanderiya, Chittorgarh
44	Sunil Kumar	Madhuvan, Chittorgarh
45	Shankar Lal Gadri	Nehru Yuva Sansthan, Eklingpura, C-209, R.K. Colony, Bhilwara
46	Nathu Lal Purbiya	Gramin Seva Sansthan, Jadana, Rashmi
47	Arti Solanki	335/5, Gandhi Nagar, Chittorgarh
48	Kalyan Dixit	Govt. Girls Hr. Sec. School, Chittorgarh
49	Gopal Lal	Karuna Foundation, Dungarpur
50	Madan Lal Joshi	68-A, Gandhi Nagar, Chittorgarh
51	Prakash Chandra,	ASI, Traffic
52	Bina Solanki	TSI, Traffic

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53	Roshan Mewari	Upbhokta Paramarsh Kendra, Kapasan
54	Piyush Mundara	ETV Rajasthan
55	Shahnaz Banoo	Bari Sadari, Chittorgarh
56	Jagdish Menariya	VP- Bhatoli, Tehsil- Bari Sadari
57	Ukar Menariya	Vil.- Alakheri, Tehsil- Dungla, Chittorgarh
58	Dilip	Narela
59	Asif Khan	Chittorgarh
60	-----	Traffic Police
61	Gayatri Mod	CUTS CHD, Chittorgarh
62	Gopal Lal Gayari	Vil.- Jaliya, Tehsil- Nimbahera
63	Harish Kumar Paliwla	Vil.- Sakroda, Tehsil-Mavli, Dist.- Udaipur
64	Ram Prasad Vaishnav	Vil.- Soniyaua, Tehsil- Gangrar, Dist.- Chittorgarh
65	Shyam Lal Tailor	Sadar Bazar, Bhadsoda
66	Dilip Kumar	Babu Nagar, Chittorgarh
67	Radhey Shyam Sharma	Chanderiya, Chittorgarh
68	Aditya Singh	Hindustan Zinc Ltd.
69	Raj Nandani Menariya	35, Shastri Nagar
70	Piyush Trivedi	1-CH-21. Housing Board, Pratap Nagar, Chittorgarh
71	Dinesh Joshi	Anubhiti CIRA Sansthan, Chittorgarh
72	Aarti Joshi	Anubhiti CIRA Sansthan, Chittorgarh
73	Dr. Bhagwat Singh Tanwar	Aravali Jal evam Paryavarn Seva Sansthan, Chittorgarh
74	Ashok	Collectorate Office, Chittorgarh
75	Kodar Lal Bunkar	Pragati Gramin Vikas Sansthan, Tamtiya Aada, Banswara
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77	Ram Prasad Sharma	Pensioner Society
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