

Media Interactions on Road Safety

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Background

A media Interface on Road Safety was organised by CUTS in Jaipur in relation to Motor Vehicle Amendment Bill, 2017 on September 12, 2017. The event was an endeavour to continue the advocacy efforts of CUTS for advocating the early passage of the MVA Bill in Rajya Sabha in the upcoming winter session. The Bill is presently lying with the Select Committee of the Rajya Sabha. The Bill was passed by the Lok Sabha after a debate on April 10, 2017, but it has been held up in the Rajya Sabha following the objections raised by some states. The agenda behind bringing the media on board was to sensitise them about the issue, and to keep the flame burning for pushing the Parliament to pass the Bill. In the interface, Members of Parliament (MPs) from Rajasthan and the media persons from more than 20 media houses were present.

Proceedings



George Cheriyan, Director, CUTS International welcomed the participants and emphasised on the need of passage of the Motor Vehicle (Amendment) Bill, 2017, at the earliest. He said that while India has only 2 percent of the vehicular population of the world, however, it accounts for 10 percent of the accidents of the world. The country loses 1682 times more people in road accidents than in the terrorist attacks. While considering the data of Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MoRTH) 2016, he said that 46 percent fatalities are occurring in road accidents in the age group of 18-35 years. This which means that the young generation of the country is becoming a victim of deadly Indian roads.

Analysing the data of Rajasthan, Cheriyan said that the state stands at 5th position in terms of road fatalities – recording 10,465 fatalities and sharing 6.9 percent of the total fatalities of the country in road accidents in 2016. Furthermore, Jaipur – the capital of Rajasthan stands at 3rd position after Tamil Nadu and Delhi, Cheriyan added. He also elucidated about the journey of the Motor Vehicle Amendment Bill, 2017 till date.



Madhu Sudan Sharma, Senior Programme Officer of CUTS provided the highlights of the Motor Vehicle (Amendment) Bill, 2017 in his presentation. He stressed on the need of increasing the penalties for violating traffic rules. In his presentation, Sharma mentioned that 89 amendments have been proposed in the MVA Bill, 2017. He also mentioned about the Guidelines for the Good Samaritan Bill. Drawing the attention of audience towards major risk factors, Sharma said the major risk factors on roads comprise over-speeding, drink and driving, not wearing helmets and car safety belts and not using child restraint system. He also threw light on the increased penalties in all the five causes of risk, and in general penalties in the proposed MVA Bill, 2017.



Nalin Sinha, Consultant, Global Road Safety Partnership/Global Health Action Incubator provided a presentation on the key highlights of the Road Safety in India. He said that the maximum number of accidents occur in the country due to over speeding, followed by overtaking. Speaking about the fatality rate, he pointed out that fatalities occur mostly in low income countries across the world. He added that in India, 12 percent of the people die due to road accidents in the country. He also outlined the key risk factors of road accidents like high speed, drunk and driving, not using seat belts and helmets and using mobile phones while driving. These factors are the major causes of accidents. He also commented that if driving speed is controlled, accidents can be prevented to a great extent.



Harish Chand Meena, Member of Parliament (Lok Sabha), Dausa said that in the last 30 years, the length of roads and number of vehicles has exponentially increased, but there are same outdated laws, which should be amended with the changing times. He added that increasing road accident fatalities is a matter of serious concern. In addition, other fatalities in terror attacks should also be addressed.

Rahul Kaswan, Member of Parliament (Lok Sabha), Churu said that the procedure for issuing licences to drivers has many flaws and anyone can manipulate the same for his/her advantage. Responding to the various queries from Media he clarified that the Government of India has been trying hard to address and incorporate key concerns of most of the stakeholders including state governments, and the proposed Bill is quite futuristic in nature.

Price Distribution Ceremony of the Poster Making Competition



As part of the awareness among children about the road safety laws, CUTS held Poster Making Competition on July 31, 2017. The 1st, 2nd and 3rd prices were distributed to the winners of the junior and senior group before the media interface. The MP's, Harish Chand Meena and Rahul Kaswan distributed the mementoes to the winners.

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Time	Activity	Guest/Resource Person
10:30 AM 11:00AM	Arrival, Registration of Delegates & Tea	
11:00 AM 1:30 PM	Welcome and Opening Address	George Cheriyan, Director, CUTS International
	Key Highlights of MVA Bill, 2017	Madhu Sudan Sharma, Senior Programme Coordinator, CUTS International
	Key Highlights of Road Safety in India	Nalin Sinha, Consultant, Global Health Advocacy Incubator, New Delhi
	Inaugural Address	Rangasayee Rama Krishana, Hon'ble MP, Rajya Sabha, Tamil Nadu
	Special Address	Harish Chandra Meena, Hon'ble MP, Lok Sabha, Dausa, Rajasthan
	Key Note Address	Rahul Kaswan, Hon'ble MP, Lok Sabha, Churu, Rajasthan
	Summing up and Vote of Thanks	Jeetali Agnani, Programme Associate, CUTS International
1:30 PM	Lunch and Departure	

**List of Participants
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S. No.	Name	Name & Address of the Organisation
1	Kalyan Singh Kothari	2/633, Jawahar Nagar, Jaipur
2	Hima Agarwal	Johari Bazar, Jaipur
3	Harish Meena	MP, Dausa
4	Rahul Kaswan	MP, Churu
5	Abhinaj Singh	MO Office, Dausa
6	Mohd. Iqbal	The Hindu, Jaipur
7	Vinod Bhardwaj	6/278, Malviya Nagar, Jaipur
8	Girraj Sharma	Daily News
9	Vijay Tripathi	Samachar Jagat
10	Amit Bhah	DNA
11	Rohit Kumar	Pinkcity.com, 20 Dukan, Jaipur
12	Chandra Prakash	Daily News
13	Rajesh Sharma	Punjab Kesri
14	Ashish Chauhan	Ramesh Marg, Jaipur
15	Manoj	Zee Rajasthan
16	Manish Godha	B-11-A, Shakti Nagar, Tonk Road, Jaipur
17	Tabeenah	Deccan Herald
18	Sweta Pareek	Daily News
19	Namo Narain Avasthi	Rajasthan Patrika
20	Manish Hooja	Jaipur
21	Piyush Jain	PS to MP, Dausa
22	Rakesh	Jaipur
23	Ashish Gaur	PTI
24	Sunny Sebastian	53/21, VT Road, Mansarovar, Jaipur
25	Rajendra Bora	E- 1, Gandhi Nagar, Jaipur
26	Ajay Sharma	Rajasthan Patrika
27	Shyam Mathur	Cine Media
28	K B Kothari	Rajasthan Patrika
29	P K Ghosh	DD News, Jaipur
30	Asha Patel	Vanijya Setu
31	Shiv Raj Singh	Civil Lines
32	Babu Lal	DD News
33	Ram Pal Meena	Lok Samwad
34	George Cheriyan	CUTS
35	Madhu Sudan Sharma	CUTS
36	Jeetali Agnani	CUTS
37	Satyapal Singh	CUTS
38	Dharmendra Sharma	CUTS

Media Coverage

Parliamentarian's clarion call for early passage of Motor Vehicle Amendment Bill, 2017



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New Delhi, Sept 28 (KNN) Emphasising on road safety standards in the country, Members of Parliament recently called for the early enactment of the Motor Vehicle Amendment Bill, 2017.

The remarks by the parliamentarians were made during a Media Interface on Road Safety, Motor Vehicle Amendment Bill, 2017 organized by CUTS.

Addressing the event, Harish Chand Meena, Member of Parliament (Lok Sabha) and Member of PSC on Transport, Tourism and Culture assured that the bill shall be passed at the earliest by the Rajya Sabha.

He further said that merely passing the bill will not solve the purpose; instead there should be awareness about the laws as well.

Also D. Raja, Member of Parliament (Rajya Sabha) who was present during raised the concerns of states, transport unions and other stake holders in respect of MVAB, 2017 and said that the bill has to be inclusive in nature.

Speaking at the event, Director of CUTS International George Cheriyan said informed that India has only 2 per cent population of the world but it accounts for 10 per cent of the road accidents.

Citing statistics, he said that In 2016 out of the 4,80,652 accidents caused 1,50,785 persons were killed and 4,94,624 were injured. He said the vehicle population is increasing 6 percentage per year but the road connectivity is increasing

Links

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