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To  
Hon'ble Mr Justice K.S. Radhakrishnan, Chairperson,  
Supreme Court Committee on Road Safety (CoRS)  
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Sub: Action Taken Report (ATR) on the questionnaire asked from IRC to assess the measures taken to provide for safer roads.

Ref: CoRS Letter No. Dy.No.12/2014/CoRS/Des dated 03.07.2014 in compliance to Order dated 22.04.2014 of Three Judge Bench OF Hon'ble Supreme Court headed by Hon'ble Chief Justice of India in the matter of WP (C) No. 295/2012 S. Rajaseekaran vs. Uol.

Sir,

IRC is a non-profit making Registered Society (since 1934), National Forum of multifaceted transnational highway professionals most representative from organisations which include Central/States/PSUs/Academic/Research/Consultants/Contractors, etc, committed to take into cognizance the globally best practices and pool collective wisdom to formulate and promote the use of standard specifications/guidelines confirming to cutting edge technologies for planning, design, construction, operation and maintenance of roads, bridges, tunnels and road transportation. IRC is endeavoured to promote road safety and has taken up itself measures required to identify sustainable and implementable proactive and primarily preventive 'Road Safety Action Plan' in order to reduce road accidents and ultimately aim for zero death and zero serious injuries on our roads.

2. In pursuance to recommendations of the Law Commission of India in its 234<sup>th</sup> Report (August, 2009) on 'Legal Reforms to Combat Road Accidents' and National Road Safety Policy formulated based on the recommendations of Sundar Committee, IRC organized an International Conference on 29<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> November, 2014 at New Delhi on 'Road Safety Scenario in India' in association with MoRT&H (GoI), World Road Association (PIARC), JICA, World Bank (GRSF), IRF (GPC), IDB, NGOs and the Report alongwith recommendations is attached herewith (in 4 sets at **Annex I**) for kind consideration of CoRS.

3. Accordingly para-wise replies on the Questionnaire received from the CoRS is as under:

S.N	Questionnaire	ATR of IRC
1	Does the IRC have specific Manuals/Codes/Guidelines on Road Safety? If yes, please provide list along with date of Original Publication as well year of Revisions, together with copies thereof.	IRC:SP:88-2010 "Road Safety Audit Manual" (Under Revision) IRC:SP:44-1996 "Highway Safety Code" (Under Revision) IRC:67-2012 "Code of Practice for Road Signals" IRC:SP:32-1988 "Road Safety for Children (5-12 years old)" IRC:35-2015 "Code of Practice for Road Markings"
2.	Does the IRC produce specific Manuals for planning and education for vulnerable groups like pedestrians, cyclists, two-wheeler riders, disabled etc.? If yes, please provide list of these along with their date of publication, together with copies thereof.	IRC:SP:55-2014 "Guidelines on Traffic Management in Work Zones" IRC:103-2012 "Guidelines for Pedestrian Facilities" (Under Revision) IRC:11-2015 "Recommended Practice for the Design and Layout of Cycle Tracks" IRC:46-1972 "A Policy on Roadside Advertisements" (Under Revision) IRC:53-2012 "Road Accident Recording Forms A-1 and A-4" IRC:SP:85-2010 "Guidelines for Variable Message Signs" IRC:119-2015 "Guidelines for Traffic Safety Barriers"
		3 Sets of each code are attached for kind perusal

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3.	How are the Codes/Manuals/Guidelines framed?	IRC Codes/Manuals are framed/revised (revision is a part of continuous process) based on the recommendations of the Technical Committees (TC's) constituted of subject specific experts drawn from all sectoral stake holders contributes in voluntarily basis generally; the recommendations of TC's are approved by the apex level Highways/ Bridges/ General Specifications and Standards Committees (HSS/BSS/GSS) headed by DG(RD) & SS, MoRTH and finally approved by the IRC Council headed by the President of IRC, which normally meets twice a year
4.	Does IRC have a policy on revision of the existing Manuals/Codes/Guidelines on Road Safety?	
5.	Does IRC keep in touch with different ministries/Institutes/End-Users/NGO's for producing/revising Codes/Manuals / Guidelines on Road Safety? If yes, please specify and provide information on such efforts in the last 5 years.	
6.	Does IRC have a dedicated fund for producing and / or revising the Road Safety Codes / Manuals / Guidelines? If yes, please provide year-wise details of funds spend over the last 5 years (2009-2014).	No, Sir
7.	Does IRC have some permanent staff working on Road Safety Codes/Manuals/Guidelines? If yes, please provide the strength and designation of such staff.	No, Sir
8.	What roles does IRC play in identifying the research needs for producing / revising Road Safety Codes/Manuals/Guidelines?	Highway Research Board (HRB) was constituted in 1973 under the aegis of IRC as the Forward Looking Group of the Science & Technology Advisory Committee (STAC) of the MoRTH. The DG(RD) & SS, MoRTH is the ex-officio Chairman and the Secretary General, IRC is the Member-Secretary of this Board. HRB with the assistance of subordinate committees formulate R&D needs and recommends to MoRTH. IRC disseminate the research oriented technical work in the State Of The Art Reports (SOAR) of Highway Research Journal (half yearly) and Highway Research Records (yearly).
9.	Does IRC recommend to the MoRT&H/DRDO Research institutes specific research needs on Road Safety? If yes, please provide the details of such recommendations during the last 5 years?	
10.	How does IRC disseminate the existing Codes/Manuals/ Guidelines on Road Safety?	IRC publications are priced documents available on sale.
11.	Has IRC, seeing the gravity of the Road Safety Problem, planned or is planning to have any Road Safety Action Plan particularly in this Global Road Safety Decade? If yes, please provide the details.	Para 2 above may kindly be referred, the report recommending "Road Safety Action Plan" construed to be a blueprint of requisite "Road Safety Plan, Vision 2020".
12.	Has IRC drawn up a vision document on Road Safety till 2020? If so, kindly provide a copy thereof.	
13.	Has IRC ever sought the help of International experts to assist in preparation of Road Safety Manuals/Codes/Guidelines?	As one of the sub-project under Road Safety Component of NH Inter-Connectivity Improvement Project (NHIIP) World Bank loan assistance, Road Safety Standards and Codes of Practice published by IRC are under revision with assistance of MoRTH/World Bank.

4. Since, over 40% fatal road accidents occur under the influence of liquor/ drugs, a policy on substance use (alcohol and drugs) is therefore warranted. In view of the pending two SLP(c) Nos. 8267/2014 and 8971/2014 filed by Govt. of Punjab and Haryana respectively in the Hon'ble Supreme Court against the Order dated 18.03.2014 of Hon'ble High Court of Punjab and Haryana at Chandigarh in the matter of CWP (PIL) No. 25777 of 2012 regarding removal of unauthorized liquor vendors (ULV's) along NH1 (Panipat-Jalandhar Section), it is solicited to consider the calling of such pending cases in other states, if any for taking a final decision on the crucial matter (Ref: Para 7.1.3 at Page 4 of the Report).

Submitted for kind consideration of CoRS.

  
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**Attachment: as above**