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F. No.30/03/17/03/Misc./Coord/2023 125-131

Dated: 23/06/2026

ADVISORY

Subject: - Road Safety Awareness among School-going Children and Prevention of Under-age Driving - regarding.

Please find enclosed herewith a copy of letter dated 08.04.2026 received from the Ministry of Road Transport & Highways, Government of India and subsequent communication dated 03.06.2026 regarding enhancement of road safety awareness among school-going children and prevention of under-age driving.

All Heads of Government, Government Aided and Recognized Unaided Private Schools under Directorate of Education are hereby requested to take appropriate measures for promoting road safety awareness among students and to ensure that students below the legally permissible age do not drive motor vehicles to school.

Schools may, inter-alia, undertake the following measures:

(i) Communicate through school diary, circulars, ERP, or mobile apps that students below 18 years are not permitted to drive to school.

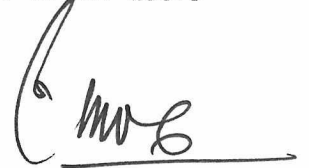
(ii) Obtain a simple declaration from parents (in writing or digitally) stating: "My ward will not drive any vehicle to school before attaining the legal age."

(iii) Ensure duty staff/security at the gate monitors arriving students; if a student is found driving, they should not be allowed to take the vehicle back independently, parents should be called to collect it, and a brief record should be maintained; repeated violations may invite warnings and action as per school discipline policy.

(iv) Conduct periodic awareness through assemblies on road safety, legal driving age, and responsible behaviour, and display road safety posters at entry/exit gates, corridors, and common areas.

All HoS of Schools are requested to ensure effective compliance of the above instructions in the interest of safety and well-being of school-going children.

This issues with the approval of the Director (Education).



(Ranjeet Kumar Singh)

Nodal Officer (Road Safety)/ Joint Director of Education

Encls: As above.

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Copy to: -

1. Secretary to Hon'ble Chief Minister, Govt. of NCT of Delhi.
2. Secretary to Hon'ble Minister of Education, Govt. of NCT of Delhi.
3. PA to Secretary (Education), Directorate of Education, GNCTD.
4. PPS to Director (Education), Directorate of Education, GNCTD.
5. All RDEs/DDEs (HQ/District), Directorate of Education, GNCTD (through website).
6. All the HoSs of Government, Government Aided and Recognized Unaided Private Schools under DoE (through website).
7. In-charge (Computer Cell) with the request to upload the Circular on the Department's website.



(Ranjeet Kumar Singh)

Nodal Officer (Road Safety)/ Joint Director of Education



RW/NH-29020/07/2026-S&R(RSE)

08th April 2026

Respected

Smt Rekha Gupta ji

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India continues to lose over 1.8 lakh lives at the national level each year to road crashes, with children forming a significant share of victims and two-wheelers involved in many severe incidents. In 2023 alone, there were over 4.8 lakh road accidents leading to more than 1.78 lakhs fatalities and Delhi mirrors these national patterns, reporting more than 1,600 fatalities annually.

2. India is committed to the Stockholm Declaration's target of 50% reduction in road accident fatalities by 2030 by strengthening road safety laws, improving road infrastructure, enforcing vehicle safety standards and enhancing post-crash response systems. Even with good infrastructure and laws, unsafe behaviour can still lead to accidents which underscores the urgent need for preventive educations and sustained behavioural change, as behavioural interventions address the root cause of risky road use rather than merely its consequences.

3. One of the important measures for behavioural intervention could be Road Safety awareness from the early years of schooling, for which, State Governments may issue advisories to all school administrations to educate students on road safety, promote responsible behavior, and help them become informed and responsible citizens of the country. The schools may, inter alia, be advised to:

(i) Communicate through school diary, circulars, ERP, or mobile apps that students below 18 years are not permitted to drive to school.

(ii) Obtain a simple declaration from parents (in writing or digitally) stating: "My ward will not drive any vehicle to school before attaining the legal age."

(iii) Ensure duty staff/security at the gate monitors arriving students; if a student is found driving, they should not be allowed to take the vehicle back independently, parents should be called to collect it, and a brief record should be maintained; repeated violations may invite warnings and action as per school discipline policy.

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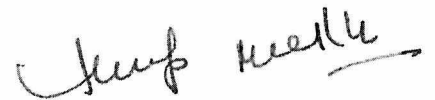
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4. The appropriate engineering and traffic control measures are also key for safer commute to schools. The Indian Road Congress has issued guidelines in IRC:SP:32-2023 "Guidelines for Safer Commute to Schools" to ensure a safer environment. A copy of the guidelines is enclosed for ready reference.

5. I shall be grateful if the concerned departments are directed to issue advisory to school administration and to initiate action for appropriate engineering and traffic control measures in terms of the IRC guidelines at the earliest.

Warm Regards

Yours sincerely,



(Harsh Malhotra)

Smt. Rekha Gupta,
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ABHAY JAIN



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राज्य मंत्री,
सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्रालय एवं
कारपोरेट कार्य मंत्रालय
भारत सरकार
Officer on Special Duty,
Minister of State for
Road Transport & Highways and
Corporate Affairs
Government of India

RW/NH-29020/07/2026-S&R(RSE)

03rd June, 2026

Dear Shri Sanjeev Ahuja ji -

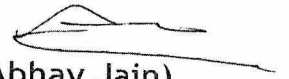
Please refer to Hon'ble Minister of State, Road Transport & Highways and Corporate Affairs' D.O. Letter No. RW/NH-29020/07/2026-S&R(RSE) dated 08.04.2026 addressed to Hon'ble Chief Minister, Delhi regarding road safety in school zones(copy enclosed) and office of Hon'ble Chief Minister, Delhi's email dated 10.04.2026, requested the Department of Education to take necessary action in the matter.

2. The Hon'ble Minister of State, Road Transport & Highways and Corporate Affairs has desired to know the details of action taken by the Department of Education including the advisory to the schools regarding road safety in School Zones.

3. It is requested that the details of action taken may please be intimated at the earliest.

with regards

Yours sincerely,


(Abhay Jain)

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