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To,

The Chief Secretaries of State Governments and UT Administrations.

Subject: Advisory on strict implementation of Amended Rule 93(8) of the Central Motor Vehicle Rules, 1989 –Regarding.

Sir/Madam,

India has reported the highest number of fatal road accidents in the world, which is a matter of serious concern. Many dangerous/fatal accidents take place because of vehicles carrying loads of protruding rods and other protruding materials. The Government of India, Ministry of Road Transport & Highways, vide its Notification G.S.R. 152 (E) dated 5th March 2014 has deleted the proviso to Rule 93(8) of Central Motor Vehicle Rules, 1989, with the result that no goods carrier is permitted to carry any load, which is protruding outside the vehicle. The law now effectively bans trucks from carrying protruding rods and other dangerous, protruding material, while moving or in a stationary position. Contravention of the said rule is a punishable offence under the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988. The violators should, therefore, be prosecuted under Section 190 of the Motor Vehicle Act, 1988. The law also provides for a hefty fine on the owners and consignors of trucks.

- 2. The Save Life Foundation, an NGO, has addressed letters to all the States/UTs requesting for a ban on the plying of such vehicles which cause deaths and serious injuries to the road users and for taking strict action against the defaulters. The NGO has also furnished State-wise documentary proof with photographic evidence of the violations indicating the Vehicle No., Date & time. The NGO has also sent letters to the DGP/Commissioners of all the States & UTs highlighting the ban that has been imposed by law and recommending swift action.
- 3. The Union Government attaches the highest importance to this issue and urges the State Governments/UT Administrations to strictly ensure that no vehicle should be allowed to carry protruding loads and other dangerous, protruding materials and strict action should be taken against the violators under the appropriate laws.

Yours faithfully,

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